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COMMITTEE ENDORSES NEFF FOR PRESIDENT

Groesbeck Plans Gala County Semi Centennial

Shriners Turn Over Charity Fund To Salvation Army

Mexia C. of C. To Arrange Float For Parade

Great preparations are being made at Groesbeck for the Semi-Centennial celebration to be held on Thursday, December 20th. One of the best firms of decorators in the state of Texas has been employed for this decoration and the town is all ready to be decorated in flags and patriotic bunting from one end to the other, and on Monday morning the generators will begin to make the floats in the parade.

A committee from the Mexia Chamber of Commerce visited Groesbeck on Friday and arranged to have a float and a decorated automobile in the parade. The committee composed of R. F. Babb, J. W. Prickett, G. S. Sinclair and Ben F. Stollenwerck were instructed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for the most attractive float in the parade if possible, and it is the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to pay the expense and in turn to ask the public spirited individuals and business men of Mexia to defray same which will be small.

The arrangements perfected so far as follows: the automobile will be a large five passenger car capable of holding as many as eight with three on the front seat and five in the rear of the tonneau. This automobile will be decorated in the national colors, red, white and blue, and will be entirely covered with decorations. It is the plan to fill this automobile with a delegation of business men and it will bear a sign on each side, "Greetings from Mexia."

By courtesy of J. M. Kennedy, commissioner of precinct No. 4, a large three-ton truck has been placed at the disposal of the city of Mexia and this truck will be made into a float representing a boat, capable of holding as many as 30 to 40 people and it is confidently expected that it will be the most attractive float in the parade. It will be decorated in the official semi-centennial colors, which are gold and white, and it will bear a large sign on each side of the float giving the legend "Mexia, the City of Churches and Schools."

It is the plan of the secretary that each one of the churches of the city be represented, by at least three people which may be either ladies or gentlemen, and it is the intention to ask the public school board and faculty to have the Mexia schools represented by at least 20 people from the faculty and the student body. It has been suggested that the students representing the schools range in age from seniors in the high school to the primary department. The committee intends to have some ribbon badges printed for the Mexia people to wear on this occasion.

A previously stated business firms who want to put floats or cars in the parade and want to distribute advertising matter will be highly welcomed.

Letters are going out from the office of the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday to the superintendent of the school, the president of the board, the pastors of the different churches in the city and others, inviting them to have delegations in this parade.

The automobile and truck referred to will be delivered to the decorators on Monday morning and the Chamber of Commerce assures every citizen in Mexia who may go to Groesbeck that they will have no cause to be ashamed of the Mexia float in the parade.

It is particularly the wish of the Committee to induce the Elks Band to enter this parade as they believe this would be one of the biggest boosts that Mexia can possibly get, because these boys dressed up in their purple and white suits dispensing the class of music of which they are capable, would be a "knockout."

The Mexia Shrine club is columns

Negro Kills Three Men Wounded Nine Others Shot By Machine Guns

DREW, Miss., Dec. 15.—Joe Pul- wounded by many bullets. He was ien, negro, who shot and killed three dragged to the main street of the white men and wounded nine others, town and left to die.

Pullen shot and killed W. T. San- liing in the street this morning, while large crowds milled around, threatening lynching.

Pullen was trapped at midnight in a drainage ditch after a 15 hours chase. A machine gun was turned on his improvised fortress, and he was

Mrs. Mahoney Chosen Woman On Committee

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—The democratic state executive committee adopted a resolution endorsing Governor Pat Neff for president at the morning session.

Waco was chosen as the Conven-

tion City.

The National Committee woman selected was Mrs. Nora Boren Mahoney.

By a vote of 25 to 3, with two not voting, the committee declared Neff, the "safest, wisest and strongest leader" in democracy to day.

On The Way Down Town

By SLYBOOTS

Saturday is pay day at the News Publishing Company, and since there

are about 25 others on the pay roll of

this institution—the largest pay roll

any establishment or single industry in

Waco, came a little bit earlier than

usual to avoid the rush on George. He

pays off, since W. K. took Walter J.

To Terrell to tell his grandparents

what he wanted Santa to bring him.

Since I was early, I thought it would

be time well spent to go to the base-

ball park and see what kind of an im-

pression Pat Patterson made on land-

ing there Friday night. Since he's a

jeweler I thought sure he would land

on the diamond in Gushee Park. But

he didn't. The diamond is still there

and I'm hoping will be there with all

Gushees the law allows attracted

to it when baseball season opens. He

failed to make any impression what-

ever on the baseball grounds.

Then I came on downtown and found

so much mud on the pavement that I

decided he landed from his flight from

Dallas in the business district and

splattered the "black puddin'" all over

everything.

At Commerce and Sherman streets,

I slowed down, to see if the way was

clear and listened to an argument

over the 18th amendment, engaged in

by District Attorney Chester Machen,

George Petty, Ben Hunt and others.

The argument was a dialogue, with

Machen in control.

John Phillips stopped right behind

me and I had to tell him why. The

News was short on oil Friday. He

offered the inspiring information that

Groesbeck would soon have an oil

field, closely followed by Bassett. So

it was that the subject changed from

Constitution to oil, and there's a ques-

tion in my mind at 9:00 o'clock Satur-

day night, twelve hours later, as to

what they are talking about now. They

are yet on the corner, augmented by

Bud Kerzee, John Melton and Bill

Keeling. I saw Chief Thompson

headed toward the bunch, about that

time, so I came on in to write the

story. I reckon he's thinking about

protection for the Salvation Army pots

that have been set up on the corners

and which are jingling with coins that

are to help spread the gospel of peace

on earth and good will to all Mexia

this Christmas, if the Chief gets

there in time.

The Westminster Girls Basketball

team scored another victory last Fri-

day afternoon by defeating the Teague

team by a score of 17-3.

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of four each wearing his fez would

add to the parade, and it is certainly

going to be an occasion long to be re-

membered in the annals of Limestone

county.

Readers of the News are requested

to bear this celebration in mind, as the

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce

will likely be out of the city for two

days the coming week on highway

business, and therefore will not be able

to contribute his share to the publicity.

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THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday generally fair

and slightly warmer in east and south.

West Texas.—Sunday generally fair;

no much change in temperature.

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THEY WHISTLED AS THEY WORKED

A keen observer few months ago visited a large broom factory. The workers were young men, vigorous and quick. Many of them whistled as they handled the brooms. There was an air of gladness and light about the factory.

But every worker was blind, a victim of the war.

Some of us with two good eyes are inclined sometimes to complain at the difficulties which seem to block our way, but suppose we were unable to see.

Each of us has his own trials to bear, but thousands of persons in Mexia have discovered that their burdens are lighter if they accept the offer of Jesus and seek the protection of his care.

"Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest," is His promise, and none of His many promises has ever been broken.

Every church worth the name teaches the promises of Jesus and through their application to present conditions helps to clear understanding of their import.

Go to some church today and learn the permanent cure for blues.

DEVELOPMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES.

The establishment of public health laboratories is closely bound up with state and county health programs, and with the Board's policy of assisting in the creation of a balanced and complete equipment whereby those units can carry on the work that they are now by degrees assuming.

The Board will co-operate on an increased budget with a number of states in the establishment or development of central laboratories, and with certain others in the development of branch laboratories. In Canada, preliminary surveys show the need of developing both laboratories and training institutes, especially in the central and western provinces. Support has been given to Guatemala and Salvador for the education of personnel for laboratory work. Arrangements are being made for the maintenance of laboratories in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Salvador. Plans have been discussed for the consolidation of the public health laboratories of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and their development as part of the Institute of Hygiene of the Sao Paulo medical school. In Colombia co-operation may be extended to the Government in initiating a public health laboratory service as an adjunct of the hookworm campaign. Through this means it is hoped that a wide popular interest will be aroused as the basis for government support.

The public health laboratory in Manila, now a part of the Bureau of Science, is to be reorganized, and the Board is lending personnel. In Australia the program for the consolidation of state laboratories has been postponed because of economic depression, but plans have been made for a survey in 1923.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S STAND-PAT MESSAGE

President Coolidge's first message to Congress may be summed up from a Democratic viewpoint, as follows:

It is a standpat, reactionary message, bidding for the Republican presidential nomination in 1924, and for support of special privilege.

The President fails to express any sympathetic interest in the deplorable agricultural situation, nor does he offer any effective or permanent plan for the relief of the ruined or impoverished farmers. On the contrary he says, "for the most part agriculture has been successful."

There is not a paragraph in the message in recognition of labor and no remedy offered for high prices of everything except farm products—high coal, high freight rates, high rents, wholesale profiteering and the general high cost of living. The protecting tariff, which is responsible for these conditions, is endorsed by the President. This tariff levies a tax of \$4,000,000,000 a year on the people and \$3,500,000,000 goes into the pocket of special privilege.

The President shows no real grasp or understanding of the real ills or needs of the country, either with respect to national or international affairs, but allies himself with the special interests responsible for most of the conditions about which the people are complaining.

As Chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic National Committee says, "The message will please the special interests and strengthen President Coolidge's chances for nomination, but there is not a single word of consolation or hope in it for the legitimate business man, the impoverished farmer, the laborer and other wage-earners or the average citizen who is bearing the burdens of government with no benefits, present or prospective, under Republican misrule in the interest of special privilege."

THE NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

Libraries like roads must be maintained after their creation.

The services of both are limited through inattention.

Without adequate provisions for their upkeep and constant improvement in a multiplying and growing community, they soon represent a sad spectacle of neglect and sooner or later become wrecks and ruins.

Lieutenant Governor W. T. Davidson urged in his address Friday night before the joint banquet of various civic luncheon clubs and the American Legion that no road should be built without provisions made then and there for its upkeep and maintenance. His idea, which is the idea of a wise citizenship everywhere, may be applied to many other public enterprises and institutions. Among them, The News suggests "the public library."

Mexia has a handsome public library. It is open part time and its shelves are partly filled. Hundreds are taking advantage of its opportunities every hour in which it is open. It needs further support financially in order for it to afford the highest possible public service. More funds would mean proper maintenance, a greater number of books and good literature, a larger number of patrons and the hours in which it is kept open could be increased.

When it was built funds were not raised for its future needs. This was not then a mistake, at all, for it was generally understood that it would be maintained properly following its construction and it was but natural for all donors to conclude that he and she were the ones upon whom the mantle of opportunity to properly support it would fall. It was built in response to a crying need. And now another need is presented in the call for adequate support to widen its scope of endeavors. With such a support it can easily be made into a community house for all classes and all sexes to gather for their improvement, education and delight.

Funds were offered by the citizenship here recently for a YMCA. It is to be deplored and is regretted that the YMCA was not and will not be built. Those inspired to subscribe to that fund, at the time knew that ten per cent of their investment was to go into the Mexia Public Library. Those now here and who love to see character bloom and develop into the full beauty of manhood and womanhood and who know the value of good literature are presented an opportunity. Why not give at least 25 per cent of the original subscription to the Mexia Public Library, thus helping to make it a social and literary center continued

AS THE PIPE ORGAN PLAYED

By OWEN FRIEND WATKINS

As the pipe organ played those dear old melodies
Of love and sentiment or quick or martial lay
I closed my eyelids down and dreamed in rhapsodies
Of all the vernal scenes the poet's words portray;

Of martial deeds of war or death's cold, cold embrace
Or vestal fireside scenes throughout the human race,

I saw the Highland Girl of Wordsworth's gifted hand

Around a thousand homes dispel the pensive gloom

And Burns' enchanting themes of Scotia's happy land

Or Mary Magdalene beside the Savior's tomb,

And then familiar tones reveal the raptured charms

Of lover's holy tryst clasped in each other's arms.

Some old plantation tune would sketch the distant hills

With Nature's royal robes festooned on cliff and nook,

Or paint the verdured sward where waving daffodils

And pinks and lillies bloom along the babbling brook;

Or else some anthem brings fond visions back to me

Of moonlight on the beach beside the tranquil sea,

I heard the robin's call float on the silent breeze

And wake ten thousand birds to join the glad refrain,

Or in the harvest time the cricket's drowsy wheeze

Chimed with the cycle's hum amongst the golden grain;

Or when the twilight gloom had kissed the sylvan glade

The warbling nightingale would start his serenade.

On fields of bloody strife where heroes stood the test

And broke the tyrant yoke at Freedom's sweet command,

Where drum and bugle call would stir the dauntless breast

To meet death with smile for love of native land;

Such glorious scenes arrayed the hosts of liberty

As the pipe organ played "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

I saw the end of time when soul of man ascends

To that celestial realm beyond the vaulted skies

And sings eternal praise to God whose love commands

Redemption's simple theme for home in Paradise,

As some old Zion hymn the light of fancy brings

Our souls to that abode where truth immortal springs.

Ah music hath the charms to sway the mortal breast

And touch immortal chords that swell to nobler aim,

Or sketch sweet nature's robes on vale or mountain crest,

Or sound the trumpet call in death or battle's flame,

Or bless the fireside scenes with hope and love essayed;

Such mingled scenes I viewed as the pipe organ played.

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben B. Hunt.

AN OPEN BOOK

These things, my friend, are solemn facts:

The currents of your thoughts and acts

Are plainly seen across your face

For all the world to boldly trace,

Your youthful days, were they unclean?

Their record in your face is seen,

Or if your thought was ever pure,

It left an imprint plain and sure,

There's not a deed that you have done

When not observed, at least by ONE;

That One, at least, will surely know,

And to the world the record show!

Your very eyes reveal your soul,

Flash forth to man an open scroll!

And from their flaming depths he reads

The story of a thousand deeds,

They tell of good, unselfish things:

Of Honor, Faith and Truth they sing;

Or else within their depths are found

The sins with which your soul is bound

Of Faith if you unworthy be

It's there for all the world to see,

And victory you can never gain

'Til Honor's stamp is clear and plain.

When Shakespeare said, "No art can trace

The mind's construction in the face,"

He merely meant no one could read

The instant thought or instant deed,

But the artistic hand of Time

Weaves ev'ry thought or deed or crime

Into a picture on your face

For all the world to boldly trace.

If you are one who studies life,

Who's felt its joys and hopes and strife

Then you should know that all may read

Your ev'ry thought and hope and deed!

Don't forget—if you hope to win—

That life is more than sham and sin.

A purpose true and faith sublime

Will surely win—at harvest time!

CITIZENSHIP

-Thought for the Day

BY A. GARLAND ADAM

VOTE.

Part 3 of the Citizenship Creed submitted by the American Bar Association deals with the duty of the citizen on election day. It is as follows:

3. Since popular government is shaped in the first instance by the exercise of suffrage, it is one of my primary duties as a good American citizen to cast my ballot in all local, state and national elections and to urge my fellow-citizens to do the same.

WELCOME, DAY

R. A. Day, of Thelma, a brother of our fellow townsmen, Thomas E. Day, has purchased the Anderson Hotel on South McKinney street. He will not take possession until July 1st of next year.

Mr. Day has also purchased a shoe repairing machine and will operate a shoe repairing shop in one of the rooms at the City Hotel.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED
IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(From Groesbeck Journal)

The following new civil cases were filed in the two district courts of Limestone county during the week ending December 11:

4181A Farmers State Bank vs Frank Weiser, garnishee.

4182A Mrs. Polly Humphreys et al vs Ft. Worth Mutual Benevolent Association of Texas.

4183A Panay Brice vs. G. E. Brice et al.

4184A J. K. Hughes et al vs. M. Maitenson.

4185B Ione Schrimer vs. Ralph C. Schrimer.

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Gift Be
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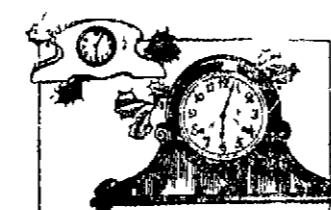
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You are cordially invited to visit us to hear the New EDISON.

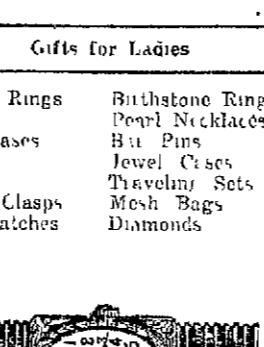
Here's the Answer to "What Shall I Give?"

This page of handy lists has been prepared to help you out with a variety of suggestions that will save time and thought during the last few days of shopping for Christmas Gifts.



Useful Gifts for the Home

Casseroles Baking Dish
Serving Trays Dinner Gongs
Coasters Clocks
Game Sheets Iced Drinks Sets
Desk Sets Steak Sets
Thermos Bottles Water Pitcher



Diamond Rings Birthstone Rings
Pendants Pearl Necklaces
Vanity Cases Bar Pins
Brooches Jewel Cases
Bracelets Traveling Sets
Lingerie Clasps Mesh Bags
Wrist Watches Diamonds

Gifts for Men

Gold Watches
Pocket Knives
Emblem Jewelry
Star Watches
Diamond Rings
Cuff Buttons
Full Dress Sets
Gold Pencils
Belts and Buckles
Pocket Flasks
Cigar Cases
Cigarette Cases
Fountain Pens
Military Brushes
Scarf Pins
Waldemar Chains
Belt Chains
Key Holders
Card Cases
Desk Clocks
Bill Folds
Safety Razors

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is said that the Prince of Wales, about to "abdicate" and renounce rights to the throne of England, since he refuses to get married, evidently he prefers "absolute freedom" to a crown with strings tied to it, some "ties."

Everybody can eat turkey" leads editorial caption in the Breckinridge American. Another misstatement of fact. Markham of the Torrill script, can't eat turkey because he can't afford it. Neither can we. Miller in Mineral Wells Index, "You can enjoy turkey. The turkey is always fine, to say nothing of the dressing, and then in a few of the 'leavings' make splendid p. It doesn't require teeth in order to enjoy turkey."

Out of thousands of quarts of liquor seized by officers in various parts of New York, and examined by the official chemist, only two were found to be moonshine and free from any poison. This—without any riotous sense of regard for law—will be sufficient to stop the drinking of bootleg booze, because of its danger to life.—Breckinridge American.

But did you ever stop to think that of people who drink the poison off hardly ever read and do not know what the stuff is made of, and not seem to care.

Our good friend Major Nick Houx has revived the Mexia Weekly Herald and will issue it regularly from now on. Major Houx was editor of that paper for many years at some four or five years ago he sold it and last year it was allowed to suspend. Major Houx knows how to produce a live newspaper and now that he is back at the helm there isn't a doubt but what it will be on a firmer footing than ever—cyan Eagle.

Thanks for the compliment.

In attempting to hold up a traveling man riding in an automobile near Austin a would-be bandit got run over for his pains. The incident suggests a new man of dealing with the hold-up man; instead of carrying guns for them to take, why not turn the cars on the evildoers and flatten them out?—Denison Herald.

That's a good idea and if put into practice the speed maniac may yet render a valuable service to humanity.

By sentencing those two Americans who were alleged tried to kidnap the draft evader, Bergdolt, the Germans will stand to turn what little friendly sentiment there is for that nation in this country against them.—Greenville Banner.

Fritz is a peculiar case. When he has his belly full of knaut and beer he is impudent, but as soon as he gets hungry and thirsty he calls on his American cousins for food and drink.

Eleven million whiskey prescriptions were issued by doctors in twenty-seven states of the Union during the fiscal year just closing, the government says. Did you get yours?—Abilene Reporter.

No, we didn't get ours, nor the other fellow's either. Fact is we sometimes doubt if there is "any such animal."

A New York girl living in a swell hotel gave a "dinner" to a number of girl friends and when the waiters brought the check she jumped out of a sixth story window. That must have been a swell feed.

Every "louder" figure in his heart some day he will want to get married and when that time comes, he says, he will pick out a girl who goes to Sunday school and says her prayer—he knows as well as anybody that is the kind most likely to make a good wife. But as a rule he doesn't do it. The first thing he knows is a young woman of his own sex daydreams for a moment and leads him to the altar before he realizes what is going on—a circumstance which proves him right and is a blessing to the Sunday school girl whom he might otherwise have wed—Carthage (Mo.) Press.

He pays his money and takes in police, and if he gets strong he has no one to blame but himself.

— BUFFALO MEAT

On sale at Wilson & Forrest Grocery Monday. Place your order early. You expect to have your heart of a delicious meat. See them on display Monday in our windows. (Adv.)

WESTERN UNION SCHEDULE

For five Monday, December 17th, 100 hours week days 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Note particularly we close at 12 sharp for lunch, also at 6 p.m. for supper.

S. E. TABER,
Manager, Western Union

Rev. O. W. Milburn of Tehuacana is a visitor to Mexia Friday.

Letters from People

APPRECIATES CITIZENSHIP EDITORIAL FEATURE

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 11, 1923.
Mr. A. Garland Adair,
News Publishing Co.,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for the splendid editorials from your pen which have been appearing recently in the Mexia Daily News.

Those published under dates of 10th and 11th, respectively are among the best I ever read and I consider them the equal of any ever written upon the subjects of loyal citizenship and love of country and regard for its laws.

These are times fraught with wonderful possibilities for the youth of our country, and yet times when conditions of mental and spiritual unrest make it necessary for those who can, to put forth their best efforts to guide them toward their rightful destiny.

It is truly a wonderful privilege to be an American Citizen—but more wonderful still is the privilege extended to all—to be GOOD American citizens.

Very cordially yours,
L. S. Patterson.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14th, 1923.
Mr. A. Garland Adair,
Editor Mexia News,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Garland:

I have been reading with much interest your articles on "Citizenship", in the News and I know of no other subject that could be better selected to write on and one that is more appropriate especially at this time, nor the men from whom you quote; surely our beloved ex-President and beloved American, friend, and patriot, Theodore Roosevelt, is a good example of what true citizenship is and one whose life is an inspiration not only to Americans but to the world, and the world is better for that he lived, his memory cherished by us all; nor do I know of a man more fitted to set this example than the Honorable R. E. L. Saner, President of the American Bar Association, one of the most distinguished gentlemen that ever graced a court room and a great Texan and our beloved State adds another to its Hall of Fame and has a great honor conferred upon it by having this great man to head one of the greatest institutions of the past, present and future, the American Bar Association.

Some people, seem to be under the impression that a lawyer is not interested in the ideals of his country, but only in making money and winning cases for his client, but justice and liberty, toleration and impartiality, is protected no more by any than its lawyers, and no criminal nor crook ever went to prison without the assistance of some lawyer, and notwithstanding this opinion, the legal fraternity is pledged not only by its very nature but by the oaths of its members when they are admitted to the courts, to respect and defend the laws of the country, and to safeguard its free institutions.

I truly appreciate these articles and sincerely wish that you will continue them indefinitely.

Affectionately yours,
FRANK A. BOLTON.

EASTERN STARS COMMEMORATE THEIR 25TH BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday evening at the Masonic hall, a reception was held by members of the Eastern Star, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mexia Chapter. The honor guests of the occasion were the past matrons and past patrons.

Past matrons of the chapter are: Mrs. Mary B. Kemp, Mrs. Etta Adams, Mrs. Mary Beason, Mrs. Mary E. Mayo, Mrs. Minnie Ellington, Mrs. Jennie Richardson, Miss Ida McKenzie, Mrs. Etta White, Mrs. Eunice Denning, Miss Laura Rogers, Miss Julia Kauhl.

Past patrons are: Mr. R. J. Bryant, Mr. A. M. Stevens, Mr. Geo. Tidwell, Mr. H. C. Watson, Mr. W. M. White, Mr. Jno. Seale, Mr. W. R. Storey.

Due to the fact that the weather was very inclement, and in several homes there was illness, only five of the honor guests were present. Those were: Mrs. Eunice Denning, Mrs. Mary Beason, Mrs. Mary E. Mayo,

Mr. Jno. Seale and Mr. W. R. Storey.

The hall was beautifully decorated with carnations and ferns. Baskets containing flowers appropriate to the colors of the points of the star were placed on each pedestal. The star points were: Miss Ida Trotter, representing the blue ray; Mrs. Walter Beaver, the yellow ray; Mrs. Perry, the white ray; Mrs. Sergeant, the green ray and Mrs. Lester, the red ray.

The following program was rendered:

America.—By Assembly.
Lord's Prayer in concert.
Address of Welcome.—Worthy Matron.

Vocal Solo.—Mrs. Geo. Payton.

Address.—Mr. Frank Bolton.

Instrumental Music.—Mrs. Sam Warner.

Immediately following the program the star points presented the guests with flowers from each station and extended greetings on behalf of the chapter. The conductress, Mrs. Dunnaway, was then asked by the Worthy Matron to bring the birthday cake to the altar. The candles were arranged on the cake to form a star. Mrs. Beeson lighted the candles, Mrs. Denning then blew the candles out and Mrs. Mayo cut the cake. A social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served to about forty guests.

W. M. Moody of Tehuacana was a visitor in the city Friday.

Intermediate League.

The Intermediate Epworth League met at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon and an interesting program on Health was rendered.

It was decided to put on an attendance contest for Dec. 1. Virginia Brown was selected as leader for the Reds and Ruby Miller was selected as leader for the Blues. The defeated side is to entertain the winners in Jan.

Choose your colors and meet with us.

BUFFALO MEAT

On sale at Wilson & Forrest Grocery store Monday. Place your order early if you expect to get your share of this delicious meat. See them on display Monday in our windows. (Adv.)

REBECAS TO SELL
HOME MADE CANDY

The Mexia Rebekas Lodge 120, will sell home made candy Saturday afternoon, in front of the Kress and Phillips store. They will appreciate your patronage.

CAR STOLEN

Several days ago a Ford touring car belonging to the Riddle and Knox Service Station was stolen in front of the Anderson and Horn Drug Company. Nothing has been learned of the whereabouts of the car.

Judge Fauntleroy Kirby was a visitor to Mexia Thursday evening.

Where Do You Live?

E. Commerce
E. Milam
E. Palestine
E. Sumpter
E. Titus
E. Main
E. Hopkins
E. Grayson
N. and S. Ross
N. and S. Red River

We have extended our morning delivery east to Ross Avenue.

Dallas News
Daily & Sunday 85c per mo.

Houston Chronicle
Daily & Sunday 75c per mo.

Waco News-Tribune
Daily & Sunday 65c per mo.

Pioneer News Stand



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What "He" Wants For Christmas Is Here at This Store

You know how men are about Christmas presents; they never tell you what they want, and yet they're pleased as can be when you get them something they really did want.

A store like this, where a man comes for his own purchases is the place for you to come to buy the things he wants.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes if you want to do something unusually fine for him

We have lots of smaller things at a dollar and more—neckwear, gloves, hosiery, umbrellas, dressing gowns, bath gowns, men's jewelry, dress accessories—oh, lots of nice things that men of all ages really want.

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

"Mexia's Greatest Department Store"

PURINA

Announcement

Pay Cash and Pay Less

Yes, that is what we mean. We are on the job now better to help you make more profit from your cattle, horses, hogs and poultry.

We pay cash for all our merchandise and we sell for cash. We can give our patrons better service and prices by eliminating losses from bad debts.

So Come on Folks—Let Us Do Business the Satisfactory Way

This policy is in effect on and after Jan. 1, 1924.

Purina Chows are on the job to lower your cost of producing, gallon milk, dozen eggs, and feeding your horses and mules.

All we ask is a chance to figure with you—not just on the cost of feed but on cost of RESULTS: We will put the proof right in your milk pail, your egg basket or on your weight ticket. Purina Chows are delivering the proof day in and day out all over the country. They will do it for you. The Purina system of feeding challenges every feed system of whatever nature, home grown or commercial. The decision is to be based on your net profits. We are interested in nothing else. Our future business depends upon making good on that basis. Your profit comes first, then ours comes as a matter of course.

Mexia Feed & Fuel Company
"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"

DAVIDSON URGES

(Continued from Page 1) Nothing is more disastrous and uncertain than sporadic action in governmental administration, and nothing is more expensive in the ancillary branches of government than an absence of systematic action. Under a despotic or under ancient patriarchal regime, the average criminal might receive one punishment, the favored criminal for the same offense no punishment at all, the obnoxious character punished without commission of any crime whatever. For centuries the intellectual constituents of government have striven for written laws and constitutional guarantees. In other words, for systematic action in government, for a penalty for crime that would apply as well to President Coolidge as the humblest laborer on your streets.

If there is need for system in the primary purpose of government, then there is equal need for system in the levying and collecting of the taxes. When the activities of our state government were simple, and the taxes light, we collected taxes largely almost altogether on an *ad valorem* basis, which reached the homes, farms, and ranches of the country. We haven't revised this system, although our burdens have increased four hundred fold. Today one rate may prevail in one county, and another rate in a different county, so that I may be abundantly able to pay my taxes, but the aged veteran, the country's pioneer, who like the widow and the orphan has no earning capacity, finds this tax burden to amount to almost con-

In order to insure the child an equal opportunity in the school room, the tax for maintenance in one community to provide an eight or nine months school might be one hundred cents on the hundred dollar valuation, while in another to provide a school for the same length of time, it might be but five or ten cents on the one hundred dollar valuation. Yet the primary purpose of education is to wipe out illiteracy, and to secure to the child an education, not as a matter of charity, but as an insurance of democratic government.

The maintenance of the public free schools of Texas is a state problem and not one that should be shifted to communities and pueblos. If you would have a system you must have some uniformity. Every branch of the state government that is not functioning and worth one hundred cents on the dollar valuation to the citizen should be abolished, our expenses of government prorated among those in proportion to their ability to pay.

Roads

If I have any hobby it is that of road maintenance. I believe in the construction of good roads—certainly, but I believe much more in the maintenance of these roads after they are built. Scarcely a community in the state does not furnish an object lesson of men voting bonds in the form of a mortgage

on their homes and property to build good roads, and these good roads have been in the course of two, three, or five years permitted to absolutely go to waste.

An elder statesman, speaking in a Democratic Convention in the years gone by used this prophetic expression: "If you will allow the people to vote bonds upon themselves to build roads in local communities, then provide that the roads shall last at least as long as the debt."

Multipled millions of indebtedness exist for road construction, and there is no road left to show for the money that has been expended.

In a certain road district of this State some seven years ago, three hundred thousand dollars in bonds were voted by the people to build "permanent" roads. Splendid results were obtained, and the roads were well built of crushed rock and gravel, and when rolled, made a very desirable highway for the first twelve months; but there was no maintenance. At the end of this period they became bumpy and uneven. The third year they were filled with chug holes, and the fourth year the traveling public avoided them by getting off in the sand or mud on each side of the gravelled highway. The fifth year the "repair" gang came by with a heavy steel grader, set the points of the grade into the sand and mud on either side of the road, and proceeded to conduct a funeral of all that was left of the gravel road, and the people have not seen it since; though more than thirty years of the bond issue is yet outstanding.

In another community, bonds were issued and roads were built, and traveling tourists were so impressed with the roads in this district that years afterwards one stopped to inquire and was given the following story: "The road over which you have traveled thirteen miles in length was built ten years ago of ordinary gravel—not a very expensive road. Immediately after it was finished an old man with a dump cart was placed in charge of the road as a patrolman. He was given a supply of gravel. When a defect or uneven spot appeared, he poured on a bushel of gravel and smoothed it out. When ruts appeared from heavy traffic, he took an ordinary drag and rubbed them down. He sodded the sides of the embankments with grass, and though ten years have gone by, the road is in better condition today than it was the day it was finished.

Three years ago in the State Senate, I started an agitation for a road maintenance, and have kept it up ever since. I don't believe that a bond issue for any county to build roads should ever be approved or permitted as a matter of law, unless a systematic maintenance of the roads to be built is provided for.

The boys who returned from France tell us that every few miles the great French highways there was a patrolman with his wheel barrow and road material, constantly maintaining and looking after the road.

Three years ago we put through the first road patrol law in the State of Texas, known as the Davidson-Perkins Patrol Law. It is only in effect in a few counties in Texas, particularly Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison and Stephenson. You can see the effect of it by the time you strike the border of any one of these counties.

In the session of the Legislature just adjourned, the subject of road maintenance was dealt with, and the highway department of the State of Texas was directed and instructed to provide an efficient system of road maintenance for all of the major systems of highways in the State. The plan will be something similar to the Davidson-Perkins Act. When a highway has been finished or designated, it will be cut into sections like sections on a railroad. A competent patrolman will be selected in a manner something similar to the selection of a rural mail carrier.

Out of the automobile tax and gasoline tax, there will be set aside something like two hundred dollars per mile for road maintenance of all of the designated State highways. The patrolman will be instructed and advised in the most effective way of doing his work, and will proceed on the plan that a stitch in time saves nine, so that hereafter when a county votes bonds, all of that money that is spent upon State highways will not be permitted to go to waste, as so often has been done in the past, but the roads, like wine, will get better with age.

After this State patrol system has been put in effect, no county need fear to vote bonds or to build roads. If the money is spent on State highways, the State will take care of it. Of course, the system will have to be improved upon and perfected, and we may be three or four years improving it from time to time, but I feel safe in saying that it will take care of the roads from the very beginning.

I have always believed in the old maxim that those who dance should pay the fiddler, and this is the plan for the road maintenance of the State. The property tax payer should be called upon to build a road, but the men who travel it are hereafter expected to maintain it. This idea has another beneficial effect too, and that is the counties of small assessed valuation and with comparatively few motor vehicles, have not under the past methods, been able to maintain their roads even after they had built them. Take the road from Austin to San Antonio as an illustration, and though Hays County built up roads several years ago, she had no maintenance system and the road went to pieces.

When the State has taken over the maintenance of the highways, the tourists in Austin, San Antonio, and all the centers of wealth of the State will aid in maintaining that road through Hays County. Only in this way can we have a continuous system of highways, and the plan is equitable and fair.

The owner of the motor vehicle, be it local resident or tourist, will really

have enough on the wear and tear on his car, and increased mileage for his gasoline, to take care of the roads that have been built and maintained.

Symphony Club
Has Delightful
Hour Saturday

The club met at the home of Miss Genevieve Hughes Dec. 8, 1923, where a delightful time was enjoyed by everyone. With Elizabeth Jones as leader. The program proceeded as follows:

History of Violin—Dorothy Brown.

Life of Joseph Joachim—Inez Cal-

ame.

Life of Mischa Elman—Genevieve Hughes.

Life of Ephraim Limbaest—Martha Riddle.

Life of Maud Powell—Josephine Wofford.

Life of Fritz Kreisler—Margaret Smith.

Reading—Carolyn Patterson.

Vocal Solo—Martha Mitchell.

Vocal Solo—Marianna Murphy.

Duet—Emma Jean Smith and Miss Ledbetter.

The guests were served to cake and ice cream and candy. Lovely little souvenir dolls were on each plate. The club adjourned to meet at the home of Elizabeth Jones, Tuesday night, Dec. 18, for a Christmas party.

C. P. Bazaar Is
Planned Tuesday

The last but not least bazaar of the Christmas season will be given by the ladies of the Central Presbyterian church Thursday, the 20th of this month. The hour and the place will be announced later. They will have an assortment of articles both to eat and to wear, reasonably priced and extend an invitation to all to come and visit us, whether you have completed your Christmas shopping or not.

BIRTHS

(From Groesbeck Journal)
The following births in Limestone county were recorded during the week ending December 11:

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herwig of Mexia a girl on November 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Horton of Mexia a girl on September 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ingram of Groesbeck a girl on December 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Alvery of Mexia a boy on December 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Battle of Mexia a girl on November 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Killingsworth of Mexia a boy on October 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson of Thornton a girl on November 11.



Make a List of Your Christmas Gifts

THEN ATTEND THE

XMAS SALE

At The Style Shop

Open
Evenings
Till
9 O'clock

You will find a great many gifts for girls, misses and matrons, priced very attractively for the holiday season.

Open
Evenings
Till
9 O'clock

Just Received a Shipment
of Spring

HATS \$4.95

Values to \$7.50

Another Shipment of Sat-
in Back and Canton
Evening & Street

DRESSES \$19.95

Values to \$39.50

\$5 to \$57.50
Values Now
\$2.95 to \$34.75

The
STYLE SHOP

105 South Sherman Street



COMING TO THE

OPERA HOUSE
Monday Dec. 17th

CARL ARMSTRONG

and his

MUSICAL COMEDY

20- PEOPLE -20

Special Scenery — Electrical Effects

GOOD CLEAN SNAPPY SHOW

Come and Bring the Ladies

Entire Change of Program Daily

BUFFALO
M E A T

Buffalo
M E A T
AT

BUFFALO
M E A T

Wilson & Forrest Store

MONDAY

2- WHOLE BUFFALOS -2

These Buffalos were secured for our customers from the government park at Lawton, Oklahoma, and have been shipped to us whole. Only 5 were sold this year; we are getting two of them. One was sold last year.

Place your order early so that you may be sure of getting your share of this delicious meat. It is very fine in flavor, young and tender.

They will be on display in our show window Monday morning.

BUFFALO
M E A T

WILSON & FORREST
GROCERY AND MARKET

BUFFALO
M E A T

Funeral Home Of John R. Corley Co. Opened

The John R. Corley Company Funeral Home at 408 East Carthage St. is one of the most recent and noteworthy evidences of the progress of Mexia.

At a cost of around \$10,000 the Funeral Home has been erected and equipped, offering a service to the public in line with the most recent innovations in undertaking service in this country.

The building is on a lot adjoining the John R. Corley residence, just in the edge of the business district and where the home area reaches to town. Thus conveniently located and on paved streets, the place may be reached within a few moments either on foot or by conveyance.

Before the present improvements and additions, the place was home property and occupied by residents here. It was so built that the floor plans did not have to be changed in its transformation into an ideal funeral home. These conveniences were added to by extensions on rooms and halls and by the addition of a large space used as a display room. With new, polished, hard wood floors, fresh woodwork and artistic paper, the home was easily converted into a place of loveliness and beauty.

Paved driveways are being laid to the very doors, where the hearse may be driven close up to the reception hall, which also includes a desk and business office. To the right, on entering, is the room occupied by John Corley Jr., licensed embalmer and associate with his father in the business. Telephones connect the room with the local exchange, enabling the company to respond to calls for ambulance or death notices any hour of the night.

The operating room is equipped with surgical and embalming instruments, and so arranged as to lighting that it tends to the efficiency of those engaged in attending to the sacred duties of preparing a body for interment. This room is also to the left of the reception hall.

The rear room, large and tastefully decorated and arranged, is the display room. Racks are so placed that almost a score of caskets, for adults and little ones, may be examined closely and without inconvenience. The first solemn impression of this room brings an exclamation of subdued admiration. The grave seems to lose some of its darkness and gloom in the presence of the beautiful array of robes for the dead and last resting place for these dear bodies. But, it does not cause any spectator to wish for the last hour to hastily approach. On the other hand, it inspires the living with the memory of the duty to those who pass on before. The caskets on display represent a value ranging from a few hundred dollars to a thousand. The garments for deceased men and women and little children are also on display, complete with the pictures of the services required to be rendered before the funeral service.

The chapel adjoins this, extending to the front porch, and in it are curtains, a suite of furniture, appropriate pictures and artistically placed to form a scene in keeping thoroughly with the completeness of the Funeral Home. It is commodious enough to accommodate at least 75 with comfort.

The proprietors will take pleasure, they state, in showing any visitor through the home any day and any hour.

Patterson's Column



WELL KIDS the parade
AND SLOGAN contest and
SHOW IS over and to use
A SHOWMAN'S term it sure
WAS A "Wow"
THERE WERE so many
EXCELLENT SLOGANS that it
WAS HARD to decide
WHICH WAS entitled to
THE PRIZE so I have
DECIDED TO give three
MORE PRIZES to the
THREE NEXT best slogans
AND THESE winners will
BE ANNOUNCED in this
COLUMN MONDAY, Tuesday
AND WEDNESDAY so just
KEEP YOUR eye on this
COLUMN AS we will
ANNOUNCE ONE winner
EACH DAY until the
THREE NEXT best have
BEEN GIVEN prizes
TELL ALL your friends
TO COME to Patterson's
LITTLE STORE which is
RIGHT HERE in Mexia
WHERE IT expects to
STAY AND buy their gifts
AS OUR stock is the
BEST AND our prices
MODERATE
WE ARE positively the

BUSIEST PEOPLE in Mexia
THESE DAYS but with
EXTRA HELP next week
MAYBE WE can wait on
YOU I thank you
Patterson

BUFFALO MEAT
On sale at Wilson & Forrest Grocery store Monday. Place your order early if you expect to get your share of this delicious meat. See them on display Monday in our windows. (Adv.)

Tracy Dorsett of Coolidge was in Mexia Friday. Mr. Dorsett is a member of the firm of Dorsett and Bartham of Coolidge.

T. & B. V. Station At Coolidge Ready For Service Now

Sam Werner reports that the new T. & B. V. station at Coolidge has been completed and is ready for occupation though the offices have not as yet been moved into it.

Mrs. Oscar Denning, W. M.

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D. C. Crews of Waco was in the city Thursday.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star Monday night, Dec. 17. Initiation of candidates and other important business. All members and officers are urged to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

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E. B. Moody of Waco was a business visitor to Mexia Thursday.

Ladies

Every man knows the advantage in buying from an exclusive man's shop—knows the assortments are larger and better selected. At this store you can get the advantage of many years experience in helping you select your gifts.

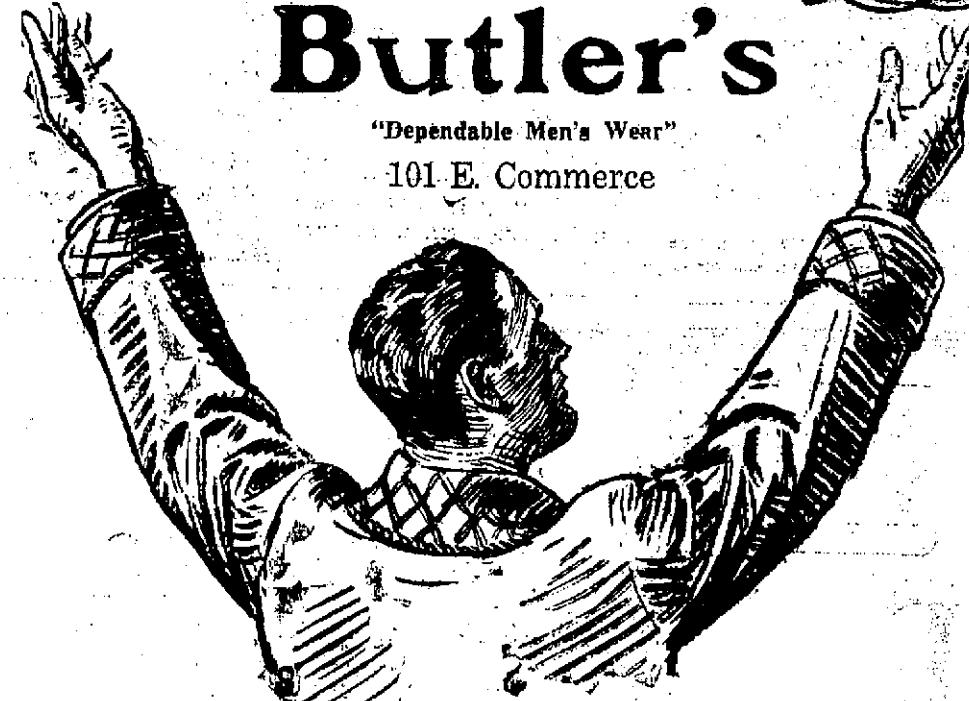
The Following Is a Few Items We Suggest Conveniently Listed:

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| —Boots | —Neckwear |
| —Caps | —Night Shirts |
| —Gloves | —Overcoats |
| —Grips | —Overshirts |
| —Gaberdine Coats | —Suits |
| —Handkerchiefs | —Shoes |
| —Hats | —Shirts |
| —Hosiery | —Sweaters |
| —Jewelry | —Suit Cases |
| —Leather Vests | —Trousers |
| —Leather Puttees | —Traveling Sets |
| —Mufflers | —Underwear |
| —Manicure Sets | —Wardrobe Trunks |

Butler's

"Dependable Men's Wear"

101 E. Commerce



Harold Lloyd Why Worry?

This Latest Surprise
Pathcomedy

**WE ARE ALL TIED IN
WITH OUR COMMUNITY.**

Mexia is the home of all of us who live here. Our comfort and happiness and prosperity is all involved with the welfare of the city—how good a place it is to live in and do business in. Every citizen and every business and industry in Mexia depends upon every other citizen and business and industry for equal responsibility in building this city to be what every good citizen wants it to be—a good city in every respect.

To accomplish this we must all work together with a spirit of tolerance and understanding. We must recognize that a good city is built by no single factor. Each business and industry and citizen must add something to the process of development.

Good electric service is necessary in the building of a good city. This company fully appreciates its responsibility. It seeks to cooperate with every other concern and every citizen of Mexia, so that its contribution to civic growth may be equal to the needs of the present and future.

COMMUNITY POWER & LIGHT CO. OF TEXAS

The Family GIFT STORE



**Ready!
To Serve You**

No need for us to mention the hundreds of Practical Gift Items, we are now showing, for you will find us ready, as usual, with wonderfully complete lines in all departments of our store.

We have added extra salespeople so that you may be waited on without delay.

We invite you to come in and look around—a look through our varied Xmas stocks will help you in making your selection of Gift Items.

OPEN EVENINGS

For your convenience in shopping we will be open evenings this week until 9:30.

"Always Glad to Serve You"

Harner Phillips

National

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Plan to Recruit Building Workers

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(United Press)

Shortage of apprentices in the building trades is not due to American youths shying at manual labor, according to E. L. Bowman, educational director, national trade extension bureau, plumbing and heating industries. Reports throughout the country show the number of apprenticeship applicants exceeds facilities for training.

A survey of the American Contract or builders' organ, has shown two popular misconceptions as to causes for shortage of building craftsmen. They are:

1. White-collar jobs are more popular.

2. Union leaders who profit by shortage of skilled craftsmen bar the necessary apprentices.

Employers are largely to blame for present unbalanced conditions union experts claim.

"Boys enter the period of apprenticeship expecting to receive training and experience to make them competent workmen," Bowman declared. "When they find they are to be used as cheap ditch-diggers, stock-clerks or truck-drivers, they drift away. Of the total number of boys entering into apprenticeship, only one in eight works into his trade."

Bowman's observations are said to be substantiated by experience in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco, where experts from civic organizations have made surveys.

To Recruit Workers

Led by the National Association of Master Plumbers, most of the building branches have organized to remedy the situation. The following program has been adopted.

1. Appointment of an educational director to supervise apprentices in each industry.

2. Publication of text-books under supervision of trade experts.

3. Requirement of three months' pre-vocational training in public school.

4. Required night school attendance during the second and third years of apprenticeship.

A campaign against the manner of vocational instruction in some public schools will also be conducted by the craftsmen. It is asserted that many vocational courses in high schools are taught by women and there is much "soft-teaching."

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boyd and W. K. Jr., left Friday for the week-end to be spent with their parents and other relatives at Terrell.

Even a close-fisted man may be liberal in the use of his fists.

A dollar dinner is an annoyance to the man with a 50-cent purse.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the goslings.

Woman's tears float her out of a lot of difficulties.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl of eight. Please bring me a bicycle and a pair of kid gloves, some fruits and candy. Now Santa bring brother an unbreakable doll, a kiddie-car and a little rubber ball and some fruits and candies.

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Cuff Links
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Bath Robe
Kimono
Sewing
House Slippers
Holders
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Comfort Sets
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SWEETHEART OR FRIEND

FOR HIM
Smoking Jacket
Bath Robe
Silk Pajamas
Sweaters
Silk Shirts
Traveling Bags
Collar Bags
Brief Cases
Linen Handkerchiefs
Neckwear
Belt Buckles and Cuff Links
Belt and Buckle
Cuff Links

BROTHER

Smoking Jacket
Bath Robe
Silk Pajamas
Sweaters
Silk Shirts
Neckwear
Shoes
Overcoat
Suit of Clothes
Collar Bag
Hat
Purse
Silk Sox
Belt
Belt Buckle
Traveling Bag

SISTER

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Winter Coat
Fur
Negligee
Silk Underwear
Boudoir Cap
Silk Hosiery
House Slippers
Sweaters
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Beads

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Comforts
Luncheon Sets
Table Linen
Napkins
Floor Pillows
Floor Lamps
Candle Sticks
Linens
Towels
Towel Sets
Bed Spreads
Krinkled Quilts
Door Mats
Tape Curtains
Shopping Bags
Framed Pictures

FOR HER

Ma Jong Set
Cards in Fancy Folder
Bridge Score Box
Perfume Bottles
Shopping Lists
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Silk Underwear
Phoenix Hose
Mesh Bag
Beaded Bag
Silk Parasol
Boudoir Caps
Hat Boxes
Fitted Suit Case

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THE ME-HI SCHOOL NEWS

High School Honor Roll Announced

JOY ADAMS LEADS SECOND TERM WITH AVERAGE OF 96

Watch Eighth Grade Girls Become Norm'l

By HAZEL HORN

On Thursday of the first week one of the most interesting assemblies of the term was held and very much enjoyed by the student body. The purpose was to honor the students in high school who had made an average of 90 percent for the past six weeks' work. The pupils having those averages are listed below. The highest average was made by Joy Adams with an average of 96 percent and she was followed closely by Pauline Stephens with an average of 95 percent. There is a decided increase in honor pupils since the last six weeks and Mr. Andrews expressed his sincere hope and belief that more pupils would be added at the end of each six weeks work.

Honor Roll for second term:

Edward Allen
Machon Forrest
Rollie Maxwell
Joy Adams
Dannie Lloyd Bowers
Clara Belle Bybee
Lulu Cuchman
Hazel Cox
Opal Hale
Reulian Hill
Hazel Horn
Elizabeth Jones
Marinanna Murphy
Pauline Stephens
Ore Stephens
Jessyenne Steiner
Mary Porter Travis
Louis Terty
Katherine Wood

Lieutenant Governor Addresses Students of High School Here

Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson addressed the student body of Mexia High School Friday afternoon. He was introduced by Superintendent Puckett. Mr. Davidson's message was one of democracy. He stated in the beginning that happiness is the evidence and fruits of constant usefulness later emphasizing the importance of definite purpose in life. Success, according to Governor Davidson, is not a matter of rank and position but comes from honest and well done work.

Celebrity

MARGURITE PRANKS

Everyone in high school will agree with me in saying that the girl who is called on to do any work and always responds willingly, who has a smile for everyone and who holds one of the most important offices in school, editor-in-chief of the Black Cat, is Marguerite Franks.

Marguerite came to Mexia High School from Gatesville. In Gatesville she had many important steps

ing that we made no mistake in electing her as editor of our magazine and comic editor of the Aixem, the high school annual.

Marguerite is good not only in her literary work but is popular with the whole student body. She is a friend to everyone and I believe everyone is a friend to her. She has done exceptionally good work on both the Black Cat and the Aixem, and we know that she is the right girl to fill the place.

Girls' Athletics

By MARIANNA MURPHY

This is the first year that there has been systematized work in Physical Education in the Mexia High School. There is a growing demand that instruction along this line be given in all public schools. If it did nothing more than to teach children to sit, stand, and walk correctly, it would be worth the money expended upon it.

The course in this school covers first of all the gymnasium work which consists of setting-up exercises, all kinds of marching, Indian clubs, and folk dancing, all done in rhythm and to music. In addition we have basketball and volley ball. These games foster a love for good sports and the bright spirit in work and play. The work is closely supervised by the competent instructor, Miss Anne Earle.

Physical growth involves the use of much energy as well as the lengthening of the nerves, muscles and bones.

During late childhood, the heart is growing fast, but remains weak for a time.

Physical training helps to strengthen one's physique where it most needs strengthening.

Basketball is uppermost in the minds of athletic enthusiasts at present. This game requires a highly developed skill derived from the training in simpler games. We will have interscholastic games later in the season.

WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT US

By CHARLES WOFFORD

That Foods II Class is some peppy bunch; They work hard on the "least little hunch." For instance, their instructor, Miss Parker, by name. She has time to find notes, but she works just the same. What she says goes with no hesitation. And in each Me-Hi News you'll see her name in publication. She's always planning luncheons or dinner or something like that. The girls prepare them, and to them off we holler.

Parker House rolls and baked turkey hen.

Salads and soups, and Oh, man! then Your favorite dessert, just the way you like it. When finished just retire to the parlor and coffee awaits you to All you have to do is talk or drink or whatever you please. For the girls are at you bidding, humble on bended knees. That's all. And then you enjoy your smoke. Oh, you'll have to admit these are real peppy folk.

REPORT ON TRIP TO BELTON

Aileen Tittle gave a detailed and interesting report Thursday at Assembly concerning the delegates' trip to the Interscholastic Press Association at Belton. Students and faculty heard with pleasure the description of the things which the Association stands for and encourages. While Mexia contestants were not successful in obtaining any of the offered prizes, they feel that the experience was very beneficial and that it will encourage inspire them in their journalistic attempts.

J. H. Miller of Greenville was a Mexia visitor Thursday.

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Friend for him

Bath Robes
Gladstone Bag
Silk Shirt

For Her

Vanity Fair
Underwear
Boudoir Caps
Furs - Bags
Phoenix Hose

Mother

Coat - Dress
House Slippers
Phoenix Hose
Sweaters - Furs

Boys

Blouses - Suits
Belts - Shoes
Overcoat

Sister

New Dress
Silk Underwear
Purse - Fur
Phoenix Hose

Girls

New Dress
Coats - Hose
Linen Handkerchiefs
Dolls

Sweetheart

Traveling Bag
Silk Shirt
Linen Handkerchief
Bath Robe

Baby

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Wool Suits
Bootees - Caps

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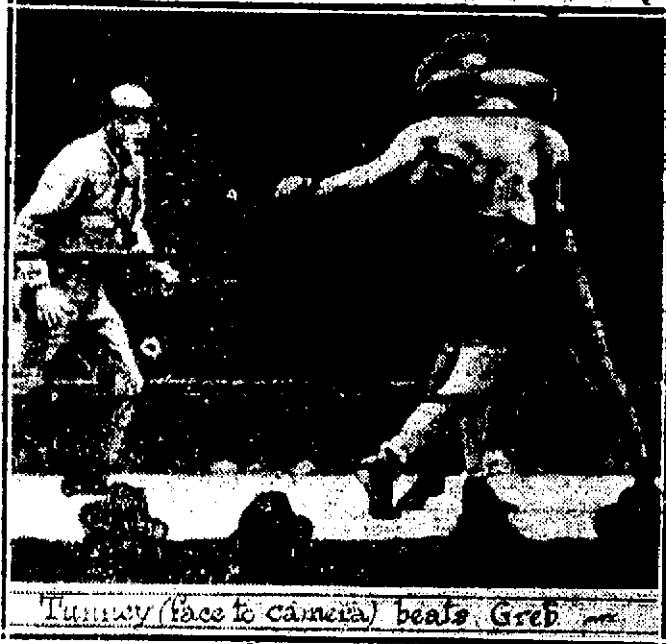
WOMAN DOCTOR GETS FEDERAL POST



Dr. S. J. Baker

Dr. S. Josephine Baker, who for 20 years has been director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene in the New York City Health Department, has been appointed consulting director of the Maternity and Infancy Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

TUNNEY BEATS GREB FOR CHAMPIONSHIP



Tunney (face to camera) beats Greb

Gene Tunney, of New York, American light heavyweight champion, was awarded the decision over Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, middleweight champion, at the end of their fifteen-round fight to a decision in Madison Square Garden, New York City. He thereby retains his title.

P. D. Yarbrough of Arlington was Jim Frazier of Coolidge was a visitor to Mexia Friday.

W. S. Phillips of Waco was in the J. L. Annis of Waco was in Mexia city Thursday.

High School Is Complimented by State Inspector

Miss Charlotte Mayfield, inspector from the State Department of Education, spent Monday visiting the High School. On leaving she expressed herself as being well pleased with conditions in the school. Specifically she commended the equipment of the building and the courteous attitude of the student body to her as a visitor. Miss Mayfield stated that discipline in Mexia High School seems to be exceptionally good and that the boys and girls display good manners in the class rooms in the corridors. In her official capacity, Miss Mayfield has more than once been asked to suggest a typically progressive high school which might serve as a model for visitors, possibly officials in other schools. She remarked that she intends to recommend the Mexia High School as such a school.

Bagged A Buck And Hiked Home

J. D. Arrington, Roscoe Cool and Billy Wilson returned early Friday morning from a few days hunting trip in Burnett county on the Colorado river. They bagged a big buck shortly after arriving at the hunting grounds, and then made preparations to come home. Billy Wilson was the good shot that brought down the game. On the way home the hunters had to leave their car in Waco and ride the train, as the roads from here to Waco were out of banks and not negotiable.

Five Try But Only One Gets Away With It

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Five of the eighteen federal prisoners enroute from Fort Worth to the Leavenworth prison, escaped from the Rock Island train near Caldwell, Kans. Only one conspiracy prisoner escaped although several were on the train. The train was stopped at Caldwell by a burning bridge which officers believe was the work of conspirators. Search is under way and it is believed that all will be recaptured shortly as they were handcuffed.

Roast turkey, dressing, cranberries and all the trimmings today at the Hurdleston Hotel Dining Room, 50c.

Bootleggers To Show Why They Don't Pay Taxes

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 14.—Under recent regulations of the internal revenue department, bootleggers in Texas have been given hearings in order for them to show why they should not be taxed on their products, federal agents said today.

The hearings, it was explained, have nothing to do with the criminal issue involved but are related strictly to collection of taxes on manufacture of intoxicants. Conviction on charges of making illicit liquor, however, has been taken as supporting proof that the manufacturers should pay the government the tax.

Inasmuch as the extreme penalty for failure to pay the tax is only stiff fine and as the hearings are not mandatory, not many bootleggers have availed themselves of the opportunity, federal officers admit.

R. M. Edwards of Fairfield was a visitor here last Thursday.

Turkey. Dinner 11:30 to 8 p. m., 50c. Hurdleston Hotel Dining Room

High School Boy Admits Theft of 20 Automobiles

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—Rufus Pierson, 16 year old high school student arrested on charges of stealing autos, confessed he stole twenty cars within the last sixty days on orders of his father.

On the boy's story, his father, Wilfred Pierson and a garage keeper, Clarence Phoenix, were arrested.

Rufus, police declared, was an instructor in a neighborhood "baby auto bandit" ring. Four youths were in a stolen auto when arrested.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School at 9:45. A class and a place for every age.

Worship and preaching at 11:00. Subject: "The New Birth."

Christian Endeavor at 6:15.

Preaching service at 7:00 p. m. The subject for the sermon-lecture at the evening service will be: "The Other Fellow." You know that "The Other Fellow" is discussed very much but I want you to hear what I have to say about him next Sunday night so come and hear it.

G. T. Reaves, Minister.

Through A Woman's Eyes

By SADIE KIRGAN

A TEACHER

I have grown weary of dull chalk and dust. And hurled my strength against a solid wall; And bruised my heart o'er weary books and themes, Seeming so far away from all my dreams! And yearning to go forth to youth's old call.

That has been—sometimes—but more often I Have faced the little bodies—eager-eyed, Thrilling beneath their faith—exultant pride, To fashion, and create, world to be. Napoleon himself had envied me, Knowing my power, and God-given chance, Greater than his—upon the fields of France.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

(From Groesbeck Journal)

The following marriage license were issued by County Clerk J. T. Day during the week ending December 11:

H. E. Hearne and Imogene Williams.

S. T. Howard and Lizzie Castillion, R. H. Dooley and Vera May Carter, Roscoe Craig and Ola Jones.

Ford Jennings and Azalee Williams.

Ernest McCollum and Vannie Alice Thomas.

Tony Ferrell and Violet Hardeman, Jones Curry and Amy Wesley, Johnnie Slaughter and Beulah Liles.

Lester Copeland and Leila Pearson, Edgar Daws and Careta Baker, Louis Rogers and Stella Clark Brown.

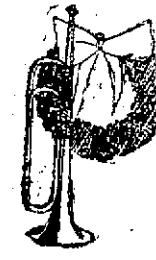


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Tops
Dishes
Balls
Garages
Ford Trucks
Moving Picture Machines
Radiophones
Limousines
Battle Ships
Mail Cars
Cedar Chests
Tinker Tops
Cathedral Chimes
Santa Masks
Cradles
Musical Tops

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The thought expressed so charmingly on the packages gives them a character all their own.

Fluted Bowl, blue glass with black stand.
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Slipper Trees, prettily chameled. These will be pleasing.

Tea Cup Beater. Useful for every one.

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Motor Sleeve Protectors. For those who like to work around their cars.

Four-in-one Tool. Many are the uses you can make of this in the kitchen.

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Gowns
Tights
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Perfume
Mademoiselle Sets
Handkerchiefs
Towel Sets
Toilet Sets
Van Reale Hosiery
Kid Gloves
Mottos
Christmas Seals
Christmas Cards
Bowls and Bells

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Suggestions:
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Ivory Sets
Smoking Sets
Shaving Sets
Wardrobe Trunks
Flower Baskets
Blankets
Ties for Men
Box for Men
Paper Baskets
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Gloves
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Farmers Called On To Modernize Farm Homes

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—"Light tennis, horseshoes, playing croquet, and children's game" are some of the sports in use on the farms, it is said. I just filled it with **roses**! John, home in some water and wood; the stove is nearly cold, and I haven't anything to wash the dishes in."

These are words still in use on most of the farms of today.

The farms of the country are not modernized to the extent of making it according to a survey of Nebraska farm boy, the duties of both being frequently performed by the women of the house, according to a survey of Nebraska farm homes compiled by the Nebraska College of Agriculture here, under direction of Prof. J. O. Rankin.

Answers to a questionnaire were received from 117,758 Nebraska farms, indicating that only 11,500 of this number or slightly more than 12 per cent are modern in water heat or lighting facilities and only 2 per cent in one out of fifty, are modern in all three.

Welfare not Wealth?

This is the way the learned professor sums up the report.

"Unfortunately, the attention of most farmers organization centered more upon wealth than upon the welfare which is their real purpose, especially during recent years when the loss of life in the world war and wide spread economic destruction and disruption have affected the economic situation in America in farm homes so much more widely than in the homes of the country in other districts."

The questionnaire went into the movements of the farmers of today and arrived at results from the answer that might prove very useful in the anticipation of the next century. For instance, out of one sixth of the farm boy could copy of the they played indoor game with a tennis ball half of it at athletic games more than 10 per cent spectators. The game The rainbow chase at least gets a most frequently played, he has not run for his money.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

The Gulf Coast Lines will have reduced rate excursions to all stations in Texas and Louisiana.

Tickets will be sold on Dec. 20th to 21st, inclusive with final return limit to January 7, 1925.

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Why Novelists Go Into Distant Past for Today's Fiction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Why are so many of the novels and movies written nowadays set in the dim and distant past when heroes wore ten-gallon hats and heroines were not permitted to show their ankles?

Answer by Mrs. Fuer Illyce Irwin,

wife of Will Irwin novelist and war

correspondent. "Because it is so hard

to account for the life of every

character during the years of the

war."

Speaking before a meeting of the

National Women's Party here, Mrs.

Irwin commented upon the post-war

reaction which has manifested itself

in nearly all fields of thought.

"I mark constantly in my own pro-

fession which is that of an author of fiction," Mrs. Irwin said, "how this tendency shows itself."

"A great interest has suddenly manifestered itself, for instance, all

through the reading public in the

past of American history. Perhaps

some of you have seen Emerson

Hough's film, 'The Covered Wag-

gon,' and perhaps you have noted

how thrilled audiences are by it.

It perhaps helps in this tendency

of writers to go back into the past

that almost any book of fiction of

contemporary life which is not of

the very instant has to account for

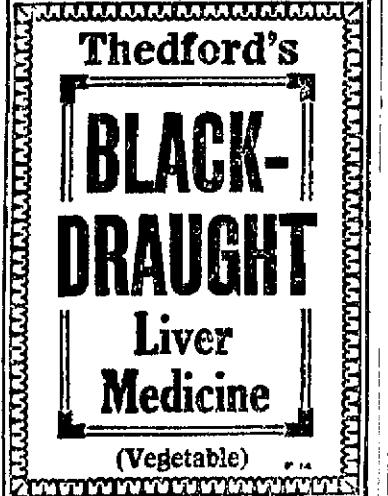
the life of every character during

the years of the war. This is a tech-

nical difficulty the intricacies of

which no layman can thoroughly un-

derstand."



Texas Teacher To Head School In Calcutta

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—The call of India's millions has been an

ansious to conquer diseases that have

long scourred India

Dr. Crawford is widely known along

biological lines having written several

books on the subject. He has been at

Rice since 1919 and previous to that

was a member of the faculty of

Oregon University. He will take his

family with him.

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R. E. Matthews of Waco was in

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| Eight-Six five-pass Sedan | 1550.00 | 1485.00 |
| Special-Six five-pass Coupe | 1975.00 | 1895.00 |
| Special-Six five-pass Sedan | 2050.00 | 1985.00 |
| Bix Six five-pass Coupe | 2550.00 | 2495.00 |
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On Christmas morning at 10 o'clock m., the Mexia Lodge of Elks, will have a beautiful Christmas tree for the poor kiddies of Mexia, and will give every kiddy a present and the other goodies that go to make this day to be remembered and appreciated, and do its best to inculcate in those who would be otherwise disappointed the meaning of this great day.

Weather permitting, the Christmas tree will be held in the street in front of the Elks home, on North Sherman street, and if the weather is bad the tree will be in the lodge room on the second floor.

The Lodge wants all of the poor children to come out to this event, and they will be looked after, and requests that all of the children whose parents give them trees and presents not to form in the circle at the presentation of the gifts as this is to remember those that do not have these things.

U. S. Now Leads in Increase of Debt

GENEVA.—The United States is now leading the entire world in increase in public debt, according to a world-wide study just completed by the League of Nations.

Reduced to the basis of pre-war prices for the purpose of comparison America's public debt is now just thirteen times what it was before the war.

The English public debt comes next, with an increase of seven times over the pre-war debt, and France comes next, with an increase of only three times her pre-war debt.

One of the surprising developments of the league's investigation into the present status of public debts, however, is the fact that it is only in those two countries where the increase has been the greatest, namely the United States and Great Britain, that any substantial pro-

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lic debts of virtually all countries has swallowed up all that has been saved in cutting down administrative expenses.

The detailed report is now being sent by the league to all of the nations of the world as an indication of what progress is being made towards getting back to "normalcy."

Ship Load Texas Cotton To Sail From Houston

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 16.—Pursuing its policy of holding cotton on large scale and saving many intermediate costs in marketing of the product, the Texas Farm Bureau Federation will ship an entire ship load of cotton from Houston on Dec. 20.

The Vessel, the Abertos, will sail with an entire cargo of cotton from the Long Beach plant of the Houston Compress Company for Liverpool, England.

The ship will carry approximately 18,000 bales of Texas farmers' cotton which will be sold direct to foreign mills, eliminating many intermediate costs.

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WAXAHACHIE COUNTRY CLUB

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 15.—Plans for Waxahachie's new Country Club are rapidly assuming concrete form.

Bids have been asked for the construction of the dam of the club lake and the contract will be awarded within a few days. Work on the club house which will be one story of the Colonial style, will begin soon and plans have been completed for a nine hole golf course.

E. B. Reynolds, Dr. Z. T. Goolsby and Jodie Carter went to Groesbeck Thursday.

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Dana Price and Glen Gamel of Coolidge were in Mexia Friday. Both young men are students at Westminster this year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Littman left Saturday morning to spend the holidays with relatives of Mr. Littman in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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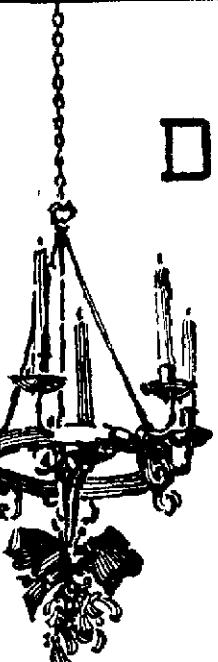
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Vatican to Show Work of Catholic Missionaries in All Wild Sections

By CAMILLO CINAFARRA
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

ROME, (By mail to United Press.)—Although the press has so far said very little about it and official communiques have been, as usual, conspicuous by their absence, the fact remains that the Vatican is preparing a very unusual exhibition, and on such a scale as to make a permanent impression on all the tourists and pilgrims who will visit Rome during the coming jubilee, or holy year.

After the consistory, last May the Pope wrote to Cardinal Van Rossum, perfect of propaganda, to prepare a missionary exhibition for the purpose of acquainting the faithful with the doings of Catholic missionaries in all parts of the world, the results achieved and the work that is being done to initiate them into the complex mysteries of modern, civilized life.

As usual, the Pope's order was not discussed; a small committee was immediately formed and letters despatched to the four corners of the world, ordering the heads of the missions to collect the necessary material. The response was immediate and enthusiastic on the part of 400 missionaries stationed in Africa, Asia and the South Sea Islands.

A single Italian mission stationed in Africa applied for 3000 square meters of space which was reduced to 1,000 meters, as the available space does not exceed 23,000 square meters.

The exhibition will be divided into two branches, the scientific and the ethnographic. The first will house the maps of the districts where the missionaries are working, and will give complete idea of the country, the location of the tribes and the institutions established for their needs.

The ethnographic exhibition will prove the most interesting. According to the instructions issued to the missionaries, they must forward to Rome

objects used by the savages in their every day life; tools of the different trades, idols, arms, furniture, cooking utensils, etc. For the larger objects, like huts, houses, boats, replicas on a smaller scale will be made.

Above all, the circular letter says, the missionaries should forward everything pertaining to the religions of the different peoples, like wooden idols, objects of worship, priests' frocks and replicas of places of worship.

The exhibition will be housed in the Pigna Court of the Vatican, where a pavilion will be erected at each of the four corners, and in the Vatican gardens, where other pavilion will occupy fifteen thousand square meters of space. Spread throughout the Pigna Court and the gardens, the visitors will find all the exhibits that can stand all kinds of weather. Cardinal Van Rossum directed that a fire house be erected nearby the Pigna Court and trained firemen recruited. Fire fighting apparatus have also been purchased.

The exhibition will be opened to the public on December 26, 1924, and will remain open throughout the following year.

Methodists Ask Christmas Gift For the Japanese

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church announces a Christian appeal extraordinary in behalf of the Japanese Earthquake Sufferers. Under the joint auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies a Christmas offering will be taken in twenty-five thousand Methodist Churches on

Sunday, December 23rd. It is for this offering that the Bishops make the appeal which is signed by Bishop Homer C. Stutz of Omaha, Neb., and Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of Boston, for the Board of Bishops. The appeal is made in behalf of the little children of Japan and the motto of the appeal is "What fell in a day, We'll build in a day." The Bishops appeal in part follows:

"The destruction of our property is far greater than the early estimates indicate, schools, Woman's Foreign Missionary buildings, residences, Publishing House, all have been terribly damaged or destroyed. Conservative place the losses at \$1,650,000.

"The Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society could not be asked alone to make the replacement needed because of this dire tragedy. Hence all our connectional Boards, as represented by the Committee on Conservation and Advance and by the Executive Committee of the Council of Boards, unite in this call, and in the effort to which we summon the Church.

"The request is that all our Churches and Sunday Schools give generous offerings on Sunday, December 23, 1923, or, if this date be strictly impossible in any section on the nearest available Sunday.

"Our Japanese members on the Pacific Coast have already given with astounding generosity. Let the whole

church join them in gifts of sacrifice, thus showing to the world the international and interracial spirit that is after the heart of Christ.

"Let us not fail in this great endeavor. The little children of Japan wait for us to place them in the protecting arms of the Savior."

BOOZE WITH TEETH

MARLIN, Texas, Dec. 14.—Another reason for being wary of bootleg Christmas booze.

Metal tops of fifteen fruit jars filled with confiscated corn whiskey were found to be eaten away with lye when officers prepared to pour the liquor into the gutter.

The many friends of Mrs. W. R. Story will be glad to learn that she is improving.

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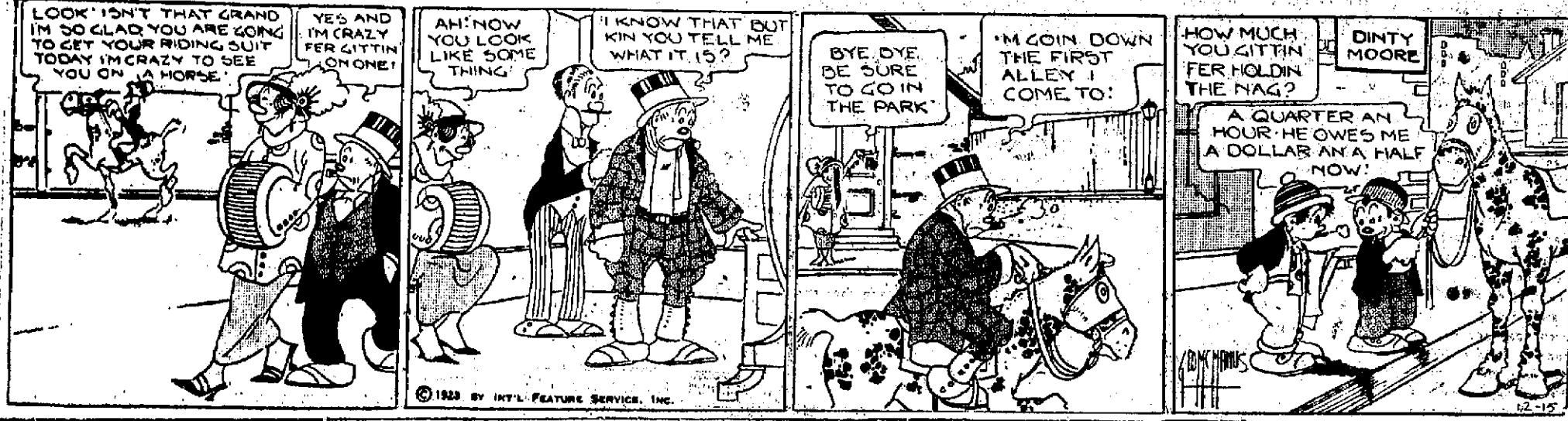
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LOST OR STOLEN—Boy's saddle. Pony strayed from school Thursday and saddle either lost or stolen. Reward. Cecil Cantrell, P. O. Box 924. 16D1

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OLD CARS WANTED—Will pay cash for your old car to wreck, or will sell you used parts cheap for repairing. Will sell your car on commission or trade it for you. See me before buying or selling your old car. J. E. McDowell, 111 North McKinney. 7E7

SECOND HAND FURNITURE wanted. Will pay spot cash for all kinds of second hand furniture. Beds, dressers, chairs and stoves especially wanted. Auction Store, 117 East Palestine St. 7E7

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FIVE-PASSENGER Texan car, needs some repair but looks good. Will trade for teams, cattle, house or lot. Give or take difference. Call 316 Red River street. 9F4

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TWO ROOM APARTMENTS for rent hot and cold running water in all rooms. Completely furnished. Decently located. 312 North Sherman street, telephone 528. The Little Apartments. 11L7

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a nice doll, doll buggy and a doll bed. I want you to carry grandpa a nice box of cigars and Sissy a nice box of candy. They are down in the Valley and I know they are homesick. Eulets will be home for Xmas so don't carry her things to Austin. E. wants something nice too. I also want you to carry my little cousins, Mary, Alice, Ellen, Frances, Lillian and Polly Anna something nice too.

Your little friend, Nanelle Sharp.

Moxia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old, have been going to school. I am in the first grade. I have been a nice girl, so please don't forget me.

Please bring me a Ruby ring, a pair of boots, a raincoat and all kinds of fire works, fruits and candy, and don't forget daddy and mamma.

Your friend, Alma Billingsley.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old, so please bring me a pretty doll with bobbed hair that can say ma-ma. I want one that can cry when I rock it in the cradle. I want the cradle too. Please don't forget all the little orphan children that have no one to remember them.

Your loving little friend, Ruth Byrd.

Route 6, Mexia.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an airgun, a knife, some fruit of all kinds, and fireworks of all kinds, too.

And I have been a good little boy all the year. I want you to come.

From your loving friend, J. H. Young.

Route 6, Box 35.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 15, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I want a bugle and a little toy gun. That is all for this time.

So long, Santa.

Aaron Beene.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a bugle and a little toy gun.

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Dempsey May Retire—No ContendersBy HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Jack Dempsey talks of retiring and going into business as soon as he has added one and a half millions to his fortune by fighting Tommy Gobbons, Harry Wills and Luis Angel Firpo.

The heavyweight champion means that he will be forced into involuntary retirement if he succeeds in keeping his million dollar chin out of the range of Gobbons, Wills and Firpo.

The heavyweight class is in such a state of decline that Dempsey will be forced to do a second number with Gobbons and Firpo, and if Wills gives him a good fight he might be able to work the colored challenger up into a "logical contender" for return bout.

Looking over the contenders as they now stand, Dempsey might be believed sincere in announcing his intentions to retire because he would have no other contender to fight.

Any deductions of this kind, however, are made without giving credit to Tex Rickard. As long as Rickard is in the promoting business it can be bet that an annual contender will be developed for a title fight.

Some boys are working for thirty a week, and some less, will find it hard to figure what Dempsey means by quitting the fight game and going into business.

Dempsey, it would seem, is now in the most remunerative business in the world. Right off hand there can be picked from the legal, medical, professional or commercial world no young men under thirty, without an education or any huking up, who has made \$700,000 for himself and \$700,000 for his partner.

Dempsey has done that. In the business of swinging his fists and from the revenue incidental to the heavyweight championship of the world, he has earned \$1,100,000, and in taxes he has paid to the government at least one-fourth of that sum.

Anyone under the circumstances, might be pardoned for asking: "What does he mean, going into business?"

Dempsey, we heard him say not so long ago, does not want to retire, unless it can be that he is in love and wants to get married.

The champion said when he was training for the Firpo fight that he intended to defend his title until he was no longer champion, as he was no more willing to cut off the revenue from the championship than any young man is to quit a job that means more than \$100,000 a year without stepping into the ring.

Dempsey did say that he would never get married as long as he was the champion, and if he is so eager to get married he might as well, but with his \$700,000 he'll need dough when he gets tired up and hell have to go to work eventually.

Like any young man who once had to go there and there on the hooker-frames and who many times had to get his food at backdoors, Dempsey might to have a good idea about how much a dollar is worth and there is no evidence to lead anyone to the belief that the heavyweight champion does not take care of his money.

When Firpo was being panned and ridiculed for his frugal ways during his training for the Dempsey fight, a good friend of Dempsey's remarked: "Why are they panning Firpo? Did anyone ever see Dempsey throw anything away?"

**Ex. Students Of
T. U. Planning
Big Year in '24**

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15.—"Ex-students of the University of Texas have one of the largest programs before them for 1924 than they ever have attempted. This year will be a great one in the development of the Association," said Judge D. C. Bland of Orange, president of the Ex-Students Association recently when he was in Austin conferring upon plans for the stadium.

The loan fund which is maintained for students is growing all the time. We have made it our motto that no student who has made respectable grades need leave the University because of lack of funds, if he is willing to borrow it.

Dr. H. V. Benedict's "Peregrinations" which are being printed in book form by the Association are expected to be off the press immediately after Christmas. These "Peregrinations" are short comments on affairs of students and faculty as well as of everything pertaining to the University that have been appearing in The Alcalde for several years. We are having printed 500 copies which will sell for 25 a copy, and the copies will be numbered and autographed. All proceeds over cost will go to the loan fund.

"The directory of all students and former students which is being compiled under the direction of Max Fichtenbaum is progressing rapidly and will probably be printed by the beginning of the summer."

Several members of the faculty of Westminster College were visiting in Mexia Friday. They were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dominy, in charge of the Dormitories of the College; Miss Alma Johnson, head of the Commercial Department; and Mrs. C. H. Miller, head of the Department of History.

**Strange Story
Told By Two
Alto Hunters**

ALTO, Texas, Dec. 15.—Rivaling the spellbinding powers of Washington Irving in his "Headless Horseman" passage from "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is the tale of two prominent men of Alto, told when they returned from a possum hunt in the Sabine river bottoms.

Their dogs, they say, presumably traced a possum and when they shook the tree something of great weight fell with a thud. Both hunters and dogs retreated but later—gaining courage returned.

What appeared to be a headless horse sprang up at their approach and galloped off in the deepening gloom of the bottom lands, they say.

Old timers, on hearing the tale, recalled the legend of an animal ghost

which haunted the woodland years ago. This was the first time it has been seen close at hand, they say.

**Rooming House
Raided Where
Game Goes On**

Chief of Police Thompson raided a rooming house in the city Friday morning, interrupting a very interesting game of poker which was in progress in one of the rooms. He stated that the party was well equipped for business from lights to padded table.

The Chief made the raid alone at 2 a. m. and arrested three men who immediately paid fines of \$15.70 each. Score another one for the vigilance of the Police Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug, Jr. have returned to their home at Long Beach, California after having spent several days with Mr. Klug's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug, Sr.

BELTON, Dec. 15.—One hundred and fifty delegates from forty high schools attended the second convention of the Texas High School Press Association which met last Friday and Saturday in Baylor College, Belton.

Main Avenue High School, San Antonio, took first place in the three of the six contests which the association conducted. The Huisache, the newspaper, took the Houston Post loving cup; the Huisache, the annual, was awarded the A. Zeese Engraving Company loving cup, and John Canaday, editor of the newspaper, won a scholarship for the best written news story.

The Acorn, Oak Cliff, High School, Dallas, was given the Southwestern Engraving Company loving cup for the best edited annual.

Napoleon Ballard, Livingston, won a scholarship for the best written editorial, and Joseph Jones, Amarillo, won the Star Engraving Company medal for the best written short story.

The Tattler, of Mineral Wells High

High School Press Announces**Awards Made At Association**

BELTON, Dec. 15.—One hundred and fifty delegates from forty high schools attended the second convention of the Texas High School Press Association which met last Friday and Saturday in Baylor College, Belton.

Main Avenue High School, San Antonio, took first place in the three of the six contests which the association conducted. The Huisache, the newspaper, took the Houston Post loving cup; the Huisache, the annual, was awarded the A. Zeese Engraving Company loving cup, and John Canaday, editor of the newspaper, won a scholarship for the best written news story.

In the annual contest the Quail, Quanah High School, took second place; the Oak Cliff High School, Dallas, third; La Retama, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, fourth; the Coyote, Wichita Falls, fifth. The Spur, El Paso; the Lasso, North Fort Worth High School; the Pecan, Brownwood; and the Roster of Forest High School, Dallas, were given honorable mention.

The Pantherette, Central High School, Fort Worth, was awarded second place in the magazine contest; the Gusher of Ranger High School, third; and the Corral, Bryan, fourth.

Clyde Cox, Central High School, Nineteen schools were admitted into the association. They are: Celina, Breckenridge, Amarillo, El Paso, Childress, Whitewright, Livingston, Taylor, La Grange, Height Senior High School, Houston, Laredo, Mexia, Polytechnic High School, Fort Worth, Coleman, Waco, Abilene, Ranger, Bryan and Memphis. Terrell Preparatory School, Dallas, was also admitted, but because it is an academy, it will not be permitted to compete with the high schools.

Powell Kelly, Waxahachie, was elected president of the association for next year. Other officers are: Vice-President, Frances McClellan, Galveston; Recording Secretary, Sam Bassara, Wichita Falls; Corresponding Secretary, R. I. Tennent, Jr., Temple; Treasurer, Marvin Griffith, Bryan High School, won second place; William Rosin, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, third; Grace Stiles, Taylor, fourth; and Fatsy Gandy, Livingston, fifth.

Beginning in January, the association will edit a magazine for the purpose of instructing the students how to put out better publications. This will take the place of the monthly bulletin.

The association will meet next year at Baylor College, Belton, December 16.

Some breeder of fine poultry is going to win an automobile at the Premier Poultry Association's annual show in the State Fair poultry building, Dallas, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. The association has offered the car as a special prize to the winner of the premium for the best pen of fowls exhibited. W. W. Brady, Allen, Texas, the association secretary, makes the announcement.

Gift Suggestions

from the Store of the Christmas Spirit

Practical Gifts for Everybody

CHRISTMAS—to all of us, what a wonderful word. What a world of meaning it conveys, of friendships renewed, bringing back fond memories of other days. Bringing back fond recollections of youth, when we ourselves were young;

days when we looked forward to Christmas as the greatest and grandest day of all time. It was, and still is, the happiest day the whole world knows. We give on this day to make some one happy. Make it a practical gift, something useful, and remember, "It's more blessed to give than to receive."



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Stone Marten Red Fox
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Fine Swiss Kerchiefs in colors, with contrastive borders and broderied corners.

Pure linen kerchiefs, white and colored borders, hemstitched and embroidered.

Myriads of sheer Swiss in great diversity, three to a box—80c to \$2.50.

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Our selection of bags is so great that you are almost sure to find just the one suitable for that gift. Many beaded, some hand tooled leather, some of patent leather and other materials. Bright colors and suit colors are to be had. Priced—

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—Boudoir Caps in Many Designs

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Hat Boxes

—Don't fail to look for these Hat Boxes when you come to Jackson's. With these you can very easily solve the problem of a gift for "her".

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A Most Attractive Selection

Visit our glove section and see just how well your gift problems can be solved here.

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Here are gift suggestions of wisdom. It's our business to carry the right thing for the man; so you can't go wrong here. The following offers are listed at the most attractive pricings of the season:

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to
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to
\$39.50

for young men, men and boys

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Driving Gloves, full lined \$4.95 to \$9.95

Auto Gauntlets \$4.95 to \$8.95

Silk Gloves \$4.95 to \$12.95

Silk and Wool Sets \$4.95 to \$9.95

Silk Stockings \$1.00 to \$1.95

Silk Scarfs 75c to \$2.50

Linen Handkerchiefs 35c to \$1.50

Silk Handkerchiefs \$5.00 to \$13.50

Leather Bags \$19.95 to \$49.50

Gloves \$19.95 to \$49.50

Edwin Clapp Shoes \$1.00 to \$3.50

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COMMITTEE ENDORSES NEFF FOR PRESIDENT

Groesbeck Plans Gala County Semi Centennial

Shriners Turn Over Charity Fund To Salvation Army

Mexia C. of C. To Arrange Float For Parade

Great preparations are being made at Groesbeck for the Semi-Centennial celebration to be held on Thursday, December 20th. One of the best firms of decorators in the state of Texas has been employed for this decoration and the town is all ready to be decorated in flags and patriotic bunting from one end to the other, and on Monday morning the decorators will begin to make the floats in the parade.

A committee from the Mexia Chamber of Commerce visited Groesbeck on Friday and arranged to have a float and a decorated automobile in the parade. The committee composer of R. F. Babb, J. W. Prickett, Gene Sinclair and Ben F. Stollenwerck were instructed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for the most attractive float in the parade if possible, and it is the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to pay the expense and in turn to ask the public spirited individuals and business men of Mexia to defray same which will be small.

The arrangements perfected so far are as follows; the automobile will be a large five passenger car capable of holding as many as eight with three on the front seat and five in the rear of the tonneau. This automobile will be decorated in the national colors, red, white and blue, and will be entirely covered with decorations. It is the plan to fill this automobile with a delegation of business men and it will bear a sign on each side, "Greetings from Mexia."

By courtesy of J. M. Kennedy, commissioner of precinct No. 4 a large three-ton truck has been placed at the disposal of the city of Mexia and this truck will be made into a float representing a boat, capable of holding as many as 30 to 40 people and it is confidently expected that it will be the most attractive float in the parade. It will be decorated in the official semi-centennial colors, which are gold and white, and it will bear a large sign on each side of the float giving the legend "Mexia, the City of Churches and Schools."

It is the plan of the secretary that each one of the churches of the city be represented, by at least three people which may be either ladies or gentlemen, and it is the intention to ask the public school board and faculty to have the Mexia schools represented by at least 20 people from the faculty and the student body. It has been suggested that the students representing the schools range in age from seniors in the high school to the primary department. The committee intends to have some ribbon badges printed for the Mexia people to wear on this occasion.

As previously stated business firms who want to put floats or cars in the parade and want to distribute advertising matter will be highly welcomed.

Letters are going out from the office of the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday to the superintendents of the school, the president of the board, the pastors of the different churches in the city and others, inviting them to have delegations in this parade.

The automobile and truck referred to will be delivered to the decorators on Monday morning and the Chamber of Commerce assures every citizen in Mexia who may go to Groesbeck that they will have no cause to be ashamed of the Mexia float in the parade.

It is particularly the wish of the Committee to induce the Elks Band to enter this parade as they believe this would be one of the biggest boosts that Mexia can possibly get, because these boys dressed up in their purple and white suits dispensing the class of music of which they are capable, would be a "knockout."

The Mexia Shrine club is column

Negro Kills Three Men Wounded Nine Others Shot By Machine Guns

DREW, Miss., Dec. 15.—Joe Pullen, negro, who shot and killed three white men and wounded nine others, died from machine gun bullets while lying in the street this morning while large crowds milled around, threatening lynching.

Pullen was trapped at midnight in a drainage ditch after a 15 hours chase. A machine gun was turned on his improvised fortress, and he was

wounded by many bullets. He was dragged to the main street of the town and left to die.

Pullen shot and killed W. T. Sanders, an antler, when the latter attempted to collect rent. A posse has

been organized and pursued the negro, who barricaded himself in a drainage ditch and stood off the posse, killing two and wounding nine. Three of the wounded may die.

Program Completed For Open House At High School Monday Night

On Monday evening, December 17, company will gather in the auditorium for the following program:

- I. Numbers by the Glee Club.
- II. Brief Addresses by Representative Citizens.
- III. Opry Act Play.
- IV. Calisthenic Exhibit.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Armstrong will receive the guests in the cafeteria, where she promises "to put a good taste in their mouths."

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ENGAGE IN MAJOR BATTLE FOR PLACES ON RULES COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A major battle between progressive and conservative forces of both republicans and democrats is under way behind closed doors in the House over the control of the Rules Committee.

It will be decorated in the official semi-centennial colors, which are gold and white, and it will bear a large sign on each side of the float giving the legend "Mexia, the City of Churches and Schools."

W. M. J. Bryan is urging the democrats to support a progressive for a place on the committee. Democrats were promised five places on the committee instead of four, but the progressives want their man on also. The outcome of the battle is uncertain.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—The first high official of the Klan to testify at the Fox trial took the stand. Paul S. Etheridge, chief counsel of the imperial palace, said Fox expressed great interest in the outcome of the suit for receivership for the Klan brought recently. Mrs. Margaret Weaver, the woman mentioned in the case, is expected to testify this afternoon.

CLEMENCY GRANTED WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Coolidge commuted the sentences of thirty one political prisoners remaining in federal jails. Clemency was unconditional. As soon as the documents can be delivered to the dardens of the prisons the men will be released.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGER ARRESTED FRIDAY A man was arrested in the city Friday on a charge of bootlegging. The Sheriff's department made the arrest. The accused was placed under a \$1000 bond to wait the action of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Keller was in Mexia some two weeks ago and an executive meeting was held with the cotton mill committee of which J. K. Phillips is chairman, but no wide publicity was given the meeting, as both the committee and the Chamber of Commerce desire to withhold any special line of publicity until some definite plans have been agreed upon.

THE WEATHER East Texas—Sunny generally fair and slightly warmer in east and south. West Texas—Sunday generally fair, business, and therefore will not be able to contribute his share to the publicity.

Mrs. Mahoney Davidson Urges System Chosen Woman On Committee Before Clubs Of Mexia

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—The democratic state executive committee adopted a resolution endorsing Governor Pat Neff for president at the morning session.

Waco was chosen as the Convention City.

The National Committee woman selected was Mrs. Nora Boren Mahoney.

By a vote of 25 to 3, with two not voting, the committee declared Neff, the "safest, wisest and strongest leader" in democracy today.

On The Way Down Town

By SLYBOOTS

Saturday is pay day at the News Publishing Company, and since there are about 25 others on the pay roll of this institution, the largest pay roll any establishment or single industry in Mexia, I came a little bit earlier than usual to avoid the rush on George. He

pays off, since W. K. took Walter Jr. Terrell to tell his grandparents

what he wanted Santa to bring him. Since I was early, I thought it would be time well spent to go to the baseball park and see what kind of an impression Pat Patterson made on landing there Friday night. Since he's a jeweler I thought sure he would land on the diamond in Gusher Park. But he didn't. The diamond is still there and I'm hoping will be there with all the Gushers the law allows attracted to it when baseball season opens. He failed to make any impression whatever on the baseball grounds.

Then I came downtown and found so much mud on the pavement that I decided I landed from his flight from Dallas in the business district and splattered the "black puddin'" all over everything.

At Commerce and Sherman streets, I slowed down, to see if the way was clear and listened to an argument over the 18th amendment, engaged in

by District Attorney Chester Machen, George Petty, Ben Hunt and others.

The argument was a dialogue, with Machen in control.

John Phillips stopped right behind me and I had to tell him why The News was short on oil Friday. He offered the inspiring information that Groesbeck would soon have an oil field, closely followed by Bazette. So it was that the subject changed from Constitution to oil, and there's a question in my mind at 9:00 o'clock Saturday night, twelve hours later, as to what they are talking about now. They are yet on the corner, augmented by Bud Kerze, John Molton and Bill Keeling. I saw Chief Thompson headed toward the bunch, about that time, so I came on in to write the story. I reckon he's thinking about protection for the Salvation Army pots

that have been set up on the corners and which are jingling with coins that are to help spread the gospel of peace on earth and good will to all Mexia this Christmas, if the Chief gets there in time.

The Westminster Girls Basketball team scored another victory last Friday afternoon by defeating the Teague team by a score of 17-3.

ONLY
7
DAYS LEFT
TO SHOP

Minstrel Won Approval Of Audience

About 250 people witnessed the Shrine Charity Minstrel at the Opera House last Thursday night. The weather man having threatened a closed house for the occasion eliminated the rain on the morning of the 13th and substituted therefore a real cold night. This sudden shift on the part of the weather man was apparently responsible for the house not being packed to its capacity.

The performance was pronounced as success and the efforts put forth by those who, without recompense, gladly gave of their time and mostly on disagreeable nights at rehearsals, deserve public mention and recognition; as every one who participated was working for sweet charity's sake.

The success of the show was due in a large measure to the earnest efforts of Mrs. E. M. Strange, who so gladly directed the musical part of the program and who with Mr. Gro. H. Bell contributed a musical number that would do credit to the stage of some large city.

Those who took part in the minstrel were as follows:

Interlocutor, Mr. Albert H. Berry, Musical Director, Mrs. E. M. Strange, Girls quartette, Mrs. Sam B. Werner, Misses Hazel Fielder, Wretha Merrill, Georgia Hoover.

Male quartette, Messrs. Littman, Samford, Bell and Beene. End men, Ben F. Stollenwerck, Frank Bolton, Frank P. Werner, Marvin Webb, Monkey Pitt and Rodney Tidwell.

Black face impersonator, Miss Virginia Rollins.

Magician, E. L. Crow, assisted by Bliss Albright.

Slack Wire Artist, Major N. P. Houx.

Solo dancer, Miss Margaret Beeson.

Popular song hit, Mr. Carlos Clover.

Noble Jimmie Allard of Jimmie Allard Company contributed an act to the show that was well received and applauded.

Bobby Warren of the Bobby Warren Stock Company made a brief curtain announcement; extending the thanks of the Shriners to the audience and calling attention to the fact that the exquisite evening gowns worn by the young ladies in the show were loaned by Mrs. W. A. Everett; in addition to which he announced his own program for the balance of the week.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Elks Orchestra of which Mr. Charles Clover is its leader.

After all expenses were deducted, including opera house and other incidents; the Shrine Charity committee of which Mr. Berry is chairman tendered a check for \$100.00 to the Salvation Army, being the net proceeds of the show; with instructions that same be used strictly for local charity in Mexia.

It is understood that other clubs in the city are contributing to local charity through the Salvation Army who are better prepared to get the best results and make the money go further than if it had been distributed by the Shriners themselves.

Mrs. J. A. Herning of Dallas was in the city Saturday.

make a speech.

The crowd dispersed about 10 o'clock and all voted it one of the happiest occasions they had ever known.

As evidence of his appreciation of the gold card tendered him, which was hand engraved and an exact duplicate of the regular form of Rotary cards, was the fact that just previous to his departure to New York he was last seen in the lobby of the Adolphus, displaying the card to some of his friends.

In his talk Col. Humphreys especially desired that good wishes be extended to his friends in Mexia, both in and out of the Rotary club, and that it be explained that the entertainment in Dallas was a hastily gotten up affair, and George's Georgia Rollins, of his good friends.

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THEY WHISTLED AS THEY WORKED

A keen observer a few months ago visited a large broom factory. The workers were young men, vigorous and quick. Many of them whistled as they handled the brooms. There was an air of gladness and light about the factory.

But every worker was blind, a victim of the war.

Some of us with two good eyes are inclined sometimes to complain at the difficulties which seem to block our way, but suppose we were unable to see.

Each of us has his own trials to bear, but thousands of persons in Mexia have discovered that their burdens are lighter if they accept the offer of Jesus and seek the protection of his care.

"Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest," is His promise, and none of His many promises has ever been broken.

Every church worth the name teaches the promises of Jesus and through their application to present conditions helps to clear understanding of their import.

Go to some church today and learn the permanent cure for blues.

DEVELOPMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES.

The establishment of public health laboratories is closely bound up with state and county health programs, and with the Board's policy of assisting in the creation of a balanced and complete equipment whereby those units can carry on the work that they are now by degrees assuming.

The Board will co-operate on an increased budget with a number of states in the establishment or development of central laboratories, and with certain others in the development of branch laboratories. In Canada, preliminary surveys show the need of developing both laboratories and training institutes, especially in the central and western provinces. Support has been given to Guatemala and Salvador for the education of personnel for laboratory work. Arrangements are being made for the maintenance of laboratories in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Salvador. Plans have been discussed for the consolidation of the public health laboratories of São Paulo, Brazil, and their development as part of the Institute of Hygiene of the São Paulo medical school. In Colombia co-operation may be extended to the Government in initiating a public health laboratory service as an adjunct of the hookworm campaign. Through this means it is hoped that a wide popular interest will be aroused as the basis for government support.

The public health laboratory in Manila, now a part of the Bureau of Science, is to be reorganized, and the Board is lending personnel. In Australia the program for the consolidation of state laboratories has been postponed because of economic depression, but plans have been made for a survey in 1923.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S STAND-PAT MESSAGE

President Coolidge's first message to Congress may be summed up from a Democratic viewpoint, as follows:

It is a standpat, reactionary message, bidding for the Republican presidential nomination in 1924, and for support of special privilege.

The President fails to express any sympathetic interest in the deplorable agricultural situation, nor does he offer any effective or permanent plan for the relief of the ruined or impoverished farmers. On the contrary he says, "for the most part agriculture has been successful."

There is not a paragraph in the message in recognition of labor and no remedy offered for high prices of everything except farm products—high coal, high freight rates, high rents, wholesale profiteering and the general high cost of living. The profiteering tariff, which is responsible for these conditions, is endorsed by the President. This tariff levies a tax of \$4,000,000 a year on the people and \$3,500,000,000 goes into the pockets of special privilege.

The President shows no real grasp or understanding of the real ills or needs of the country, either with respect to national or international affairs, but allies himself with the special interests responsible for most of the conditions about which the people are complaining.

As chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic National Committee says, "The message will please the special interests and strengthen President Coolidge's chances for nomination, but there is not a single word of consolation or hope in it for the legitimate business man, the impoverished farmer, the laborer and other wage-earners or the average citizen who is bearing the burdens of government with no benefits, present or prospective, under Republican misrule in the interest of special privilege."

THE NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

Libraries like roads must be maintained after their creation. The services of both are limited through inattention.

Without adequate provisions for their upkeep and constant improvement in a multiplying and growing community, they soon represent a sad spectacle of neglect and sooner or later become wrecks and ruins.

Lieutenant Governor W. T. Davidson urged in his address Friday night before the joint banquet of various civic luncheon clubs and the American Legion that no road should be built without provisions made then and there for its upkeep and maintenance. His idea, which is the idea of a wise citizenship everywhere, may be applied to many other public enterprises and institutions. Among them, The News suggests "the public library."

Mexia has a handsome public library. It is open part time and its shelves are partly filled. Hundreds are taking advantage of its opportunities every hour in which it is open. It needs further support financially in order for it to afford the highest possible public service. More funds would mean proper maintenance, a greater number of books and good literature, a larger number of patrons and the hours in which it is kept open could be increased.

When it was built funds were not raised for its future needs. This was not then a mistake, at all, for it was generally understood that it would be maintained properly following its construction and it was natural for all donors to conclude that he and she were the ones upon whom the mantle of opportunity to properly support it would fall. It was built in response to a crying need. And now another need is presented in the call for adequate support to widen its scope of endeavors. With such a support it can easily be made into a community house for all classes and all sexes to gather for their improvement, edification and delight.

Funds were offered by the citizenship here recently for a YMCA. It is to be deplored and is regretted that the YMCA was not and will not be built. Those inspired to subscribe to that fund, at the time, knew that ten per cent of their investment was to go into the Mexia Public Library. Those now here and who love to see character bloom and develop into the full beauty of manhood and womanhood and who know the value of good literature are presented an opportunity. Why not give at least 25 per cent of the original subscription to the Mexia Public Library, thus helping to make of it a social and literary center com-

AS THE PIPE ORGAN PLAYED

By OWEN FRIEND WATKINS

As the pipe organ played those dear old melodies
Of love and sentiment or quick or martial lay
I closed my eyelids down and dreamed in rhapsodies
Of all the vernal scenes the poet's words portray;
Of martial deeds of war or death's cold, cold embrace
Or vestal fireside scenes throughout the human race.

I saw the Highland Girl of Wordsworth's gifted hand
Around a thousand homes dispel the pensive gloom
And Burns' enchanting themes of Scotia's happy land
Or Mary Magdalene beside the Savior's tomb;
And then familiar tones reveal the raptured charms
Of lover's holy tryst clasped in each other's arms.

Some old plantation tune would sketch the distant hills
With Nature's royal robes festooned on cliff and nook,
Or paint the verdured sward where waving daffodils
And pinks and lillies bloom along the babbling brook;
Or else some anthem brings fond visions back to me
Of moonlight on the beach beside the tranquil sea.

I heard the robin's call float on the silent breeze
And wake ten thousand birds to join the glad refrain,
Or in the harvest time the cricket's drowsy wheeze
Chimed with the cycle's hum amongst the golden grain;
Or when the twilight gloom had kissed the sylvan glade
The warbling nightingale would start his serenade.

On fields of bloody strife where heroes stood the test
And broke the tyrant yoke at Freedom's sweet command,
Where drum and bugle call would stir the dauntless breast
To meet death with a smile for love of native land;
Such glorious scenes arrayed the hosts of liberty
As the pipe organ played "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

I saw the end of time when soul of man ascends
To that celestial realm beyond the vaulted skies
And sings eternal praise to God whose love commands
Redemption's simple theme for home in Paradise,
As some old Zion hymn the light of fancy brings
Our souls to that abode where truth immortal springs.
Ah music hath the charms to sway the mortal breast
And touch immortal chords that swell to nobler aim,
Or sketch sweet nature's robes on vale or mountain crest,
Or sound the trumpet call in death or battle's flame,
Or bless the fireside scenes with hope and love essayed;
Such mingled scenes I viewed as the pipe organ played.

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben B. Hunt

AN OPEN BOOK

These things, my friend, are solemn facts:

The currents of your thoughts and acts

Are plainly seen across your face

For all the world to boldly trace.

Your youthful days, were they unclean?

Their record in your face is seen,

Or if your thought was ever pure,

It left an imprint plain and sure,

There's not a deed that you have done

When not observed, at least by ONE;

That ONE, at least, will surely know,

And to the world the record show!

Your very eyes reveal your soul,

Flash forth to man an open scroll!

And from their flaming depths he reads

The story of a thousand deeds,

They tell of good, unselfish things:

Of Honor, Faith and Truth they sing;

Or else within their depths are found

The sins with which your soul is bound.

Of Faith if you unworthy be

It's there for all the world to see,

And victory you can never gain

"Til Honor's stamp is clear and plain.

When Shakespeare said, "No art can trace

The mind's construction in the face,"

He merely meant no one could read

The instant thought or instant deed.

But the artistic hand of Time

Weaves ev'ry thought or deed or crime

Into a picture on your face

For all the world to boldly trace,

If you are one who studies life,

Who's felt its joys and hopes and strife

Then you should know that all may read

Your ev'ry thought and hope and deed!

Don't forget—if you hope to win—

That life is more than sham and sin,

A purpose true and faith sublime

Will surely win—at harvest time!

CITIZENSHIP

-Thought for the Day

BY A. GARLAND ADAIR

VOTE

Part 3 of the Citizenship Creed submitted by the American Bar Association deals with the duty of the citizen on election day. It is as follows:

3. Since popular government is shaped in the first instance by the exercise of suffrage, it is one of my primary duties as a good American citizen to cast my ballot in all local, state and national elections and to urge my fellow citizens to do the same.

WELCOME, DAY

R. A. Day, of Thelma, a brother of our fellow townsman, Thomas E. Day, has purchased the Anderson Hotel on South McKinney street. He will not take possession until July 1st of next year.

Mr. Day has also purchased a shoe repairing machine and will operate a shoe repairing shop in one of the rooms at the City Hotel.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED
IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(From Groesbeck Journal)

The following new civil cases were filed in the two district courts of Limestone county during the week ending December 11:

4181A Farmers State Bank vs Frank Weiser, garnishee.

4182A Mrs. Polly Humphreys et al vs. Ft. Worth Mutual Benevolent Association of Texas.

4183A Pansy Brice vs. G. E. Brice et al.

4184A J. K. Hughes et al vs. M. Martenson.

4185B Ione Schrimmer vs. Ralph C. Schrimmer.

"Mexia's Leading Jewelry Store"

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A New Department

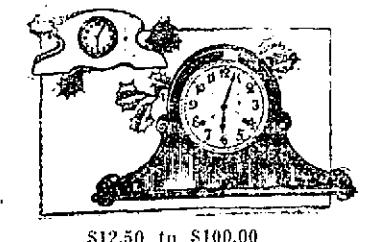
—Exclusive Edison Phonograph agency for Mexia.

You are cordially invited to visit us to hear the New EDISON.

Here's the Answer to "What Shall I Give?"

This page of handy lists has been prepared to help you out with a variety of suggestions that will save time and thought during the last few days of shopping for Christmas Gifts.

Useful Gifts for the Home



\$12.50 to \$100.00

Gifts for Men

- Gold Watches
- Pocket Knives
- Emblem Jewelry
- Strap Watches
- Diamond Rings
- Cuff Buttons
- Full Dress Sets
- Gold Pencils
- Belts and Buckles
- Pocket Flasks
- Cigar Cases
- Cigarette Cases
- Fountain Pens
- Military Brushes
- Scarf Pins
- Waldemar Chains
- Belt Chains
- Key Holders
- Card Cases
- Desk Clocks
- Bill Folds
- Safety Razors

\$5.00 to \$25.00

Gifts of Silverware

- Mayonnaise Sets
- Coffee Service
- Fruit Bowl
- Bouillon Spoons
- Chests of Silver
- Flower Vase
- Table Spoons
- Candlesticks
- Compote
- Sandwich Plate
- Salt and Pepper Butter Spreaders
- Cold Meat Fork
- Marmalade Jar

For Children

- Boys
- Watches
- Fountain Pens
- Military Brushes
- Pocket Knives
- Babies
- Baby Spoons
- Porringer
- Beauty Pins
- Bracelets
- Wrist Watches
- Vanity Cases
- Manicure Sets
- Mesh Bags
- Bracelets
- Birthstone Rings

Diamond Jewelry Company

103 SOUTH SHERMAN STREET
"The Gruen Watch Store"



\$25.00 to \$1,000.00

is said that the Prince of Wales about to "abdicate" and renounce rights to the throne of England, because he refuses to get married. Evidently he prefers "absolute freedom" to a crown with strings tied to it, some "ties."

"Everybody can eat turkey" reads editorial caption in the Breckinridge American. Another misstatement of fact. Markham of the Terrell Inscript can't eat turkey because he can't see it. Neither can we—Miller in Mineral Wells Index. Yes you can enjoy turkey. The turkey is always fine, to say nothing of the dressing, and then in a few of the "leavings" make splendid soup. It doesn't require teeth in order to enjoy turkey.

out of thousands of quarts of liquorized by officers in various parts of New York, and examined by the official chemist, only two were found to be moonshine and free from deadly poison. This—without any patriotic sense or regard for law—would be sufficient to stop the drinking of bootleg booze, because of its great danger to life.—Breckinridge Herald.

But did you ever stop to think that lots of people who drink the poison off hardly ever read and do not know what the stuff is made of, and not seem to care.

Our good friend Major Nick P. Houx has revived the Mexia Weekly Herald and will issue it regularly from now on. Major Houx was editor of that paper for many years, it some four or five years ago he sold it and last year it was allowed to suspend. Major Houx knows how to produce a live newspaper and now that he is back at the helm there isn't a doubt but what it will be on a firmer footing than ever.—Ryan Eagle.

Thanks for the compliment.

I am attempting to hold up a traveling man riding in an automobile near Austin a would-be bandit got run over for his pains. The incident suggests a new plan of dealing with the hold-up man; instead of carrying guns for them to take, why not turn the cars on the evildoers and flatten them out?—Denison Herald.

That's a good idea and if put into practice the speed maniac may yet render a valuable service to humanity.

By sentencing those two Americans who were alleged tried to kidnap the draft evader, Bergdolt, the Germans will stand to turn what little friendly sentiment there is for that nation in his country against them.—Greenville Banner.

Fritz is a peculiar cuss. When he has his belly full of kraut and beer he is impudent, but as soon as he gets hungry and thirsty he calls on his American cousins for food and drink.

Eleven million whiskey prescriptions were issued by doctors in twenty-seven states of the Union during the fiscal year just closing, the government says. Did you get yours?—Abilene Reporter.

No, we didn't get ours, nor the other fellow's either. Fact is we sometimes doubt if there is "any such animal."

A New York girl living in a swell hotel gave a "dinner" to a number of girl friends and when the waiter brought the check she jumped out of a sixth story window. That must have been a swell feed.

Every "rounder" figures in his heart that some day he will want to get married and when that time comes, he says, he will pick out a girl who goes to Sunday school and says her prayers—he knows as well as anybody that this is the kind most likely to make a good wife. But as a rule he does not. The first thing he knows some young woman of his own sort dazzling for a moment and leads him to the altar before he realizes what is going on—a circumstance which saves him right and is a blessing to the Sunday school girl whom he might otherwise have wed.—Carthage (Mo.) Press.

He pays his money and takes his chance, and if he gets stung he has no one to blame but himself.

BUFFALO MEAT

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WESTERN UNION SCHEDULE

Effective Monday, December 17th, office hours week days 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., 1 p. m. to 6 p. m., 7 p. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays 8 a. m. to 10 a. m., 12 p. m. Note particularly we close at 12 sharp for lunch, also at 6 p. m. for supper.

S. E. TABER,
Manager, Western Union

Rev. O. W. Milburn of Tehuacana is a visitor to Mexia Friday.

Letters from People

APPRECIATES CITIZENSHIP EDITORIAL FEATURE

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 11, 1923.
Mr. A. Garland Adair,
News Publishing Co.,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I want to pause on a busy day long

EASTERN STARS
COMMEMORATE
THEIR 25TH
BIRTHDAY

enough to thank you for the splendid editorials from your pen which have been appearing recently in the Mexia Daily News.

Those published under dates of 10th and 11th, respectively are among the best I ever read and I consider them the equal of any ever written upon the subjects of loyal citizenship and love of country and regard for its laws.

These are times fraught with wonderful possibilities for the youth of our country, and yet times when conditions of mental and spiritual unrest make it necessary for those who can, to put forth their best efforts to guide them toward their rightful destiny.

It is truly a wonderful privilege to be an American Citizen—but more wonderful still is the privilege extended to all—to be GOOD American citizens.

Very cordially yours,
L. S. Patterson.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14th, 1923.
Mr. A. Garland Adair,
Editor Mexia News,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Garland:

I have been reading with much interest your articles on "Citizenship", in the News and I know of no other subject that could be better selected to write on and one that is more appropriate especially at this time, nor the men from whom you quote; surely our beloved ex-President and beloved American, friend, and patriot, Theodore Roosevelt, is a good example of what true citizenship is and one whose life is an inspiration not only to Americans but to the world, and the world is better that he lived, his memory cherished by us all; nor do I know of a man more fitted to set this example than the Honorable R. E. L. Saner, President of the American Bar Association, one of the most distinguished gentlemen that ever graced a court room and a great Texan and our beloved State adds another to its Hall of Fame and has a great honor conferred upon it by having this great man to head one of the greatest institutions of the past, present and future, the American Bar Association.

Some people, seem to be under the impression that a lawyer is not interested in the ideals of his country, but only in making money and winning cases for his client, but justice and liberty, toleration and impartiality, is protected no more by any than its lawyers, and no criminal nor crook ever went to prison without the assistance of some lawyer, and notwithstanding this opinion, the legal fraternity is pledged not only by its very nature but by the oaths of its members when they are admitted to the courts, to respect and defend the laws of the country, and to safeguard its free institutions.

I truly appreciate these articles and sincerely wish that you will continue them indefinitely.

Affectionately yours,
FRANK A. BOLTON.

Where Do You
Live?

E. Commerce
E. Milam
E. Palestine
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E. Grayson
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We have extended our morning delivery east to Ross Avenue.

Dallas News
Daily & Sunday 25c per mo.

Houston Chronicle
Daily & Sunday 75c per mo.

Waco News Tribune
Daily & Sunday 65c per mo.

Pioneer News
Stand

Mr. Jno. Seale and Mr. W. R. Storey. The hall was beautifully decorated with carnations and ferns. Baskets containing flowers appropriate to the colors of the points of the star were placed on each pedestal. The star points were: Miss Ida Trotter, representing the blue ray; Mrs. Walter Beaver, the yellow ray; Mrs. Perry, the white ray; Mrs. Sergeant, the green ray and Mrs. Lester, the red ray.

The following program was rendered:

America—By Assembly.
Lord's Prayer in concert.
Address of Welcome—Worthy Matron.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Geo. Peyton.
Address—Mr. Frank Bolton.

Instrumental Music—Mrs. Sam Werner.

Immediately following the program the star points presented the guests with flowers from each station and extended greetings, on behalf of the chapter. The conductress, Mrs. Dunnaway, was then asked by the Worthy Matron to bring the birthday cake to the altar. The candles were arranged on the cake to form a star. Mrs. Bea-son lighted the candles, Mrs. Denning then blew the candles out and Mrs. Mayo cut the cake. A social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served to about forty guests.

W. M. Moody of Tehuacana was a visitor in the city Friday. (Adv.)

Intermediate League.

The Intermediate Epworth League met at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon, and an interesting program on Health was rendered.

It was decided to put on an attendance contest for Dec. 25th. Virginia Brown was selected as leader for the Reds and Ruby Miller was selected as leader for the Blues. The defeated side is to entertain the winners in Jan. Choose your colors and meet with us.

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REBECCAS TO SELL
HOME MADE CANDY

The Mexia Rebecca Lodge 190, will sell home made candy standy after noon, in front of the Kanner and Phillips store. They will appreciate your patronage.

CAR STOLEN

Several days ago a Ford touring car belonging to the Riddle and Knox Service Station was stolen in front of the Anderson and Horn Drug Company. Nothing has been learned of the whereabouts of the car.

Judge Fauntain Kirby was a visitor to Mexia Thursday evening.

What "He" Wants For
Christmas Is Here
at This Store

You know how men are about Christmas presents; they never tell you what they want, and yet they're pleased as can be when you get them something they really did want.

A store like this, where a man comes for his own purchases is the place for you to come to buy the things he wants.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes if you want to do something unusually fine for him

We have lots of smaller things at a dollar and more—neckwear, gloves, hosiery, umbrellas, dressing gowns, bath gowns, men's jewelry, dress accessories—oh, lots of nice things that men of all ages really want.

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

"Mexia's Greatest Department Store"

Mexia Feed & Fuel Company
PAY CASH AND PAY LESS

DAVIDSON URGES

(Continued from Page 1)

Nothing is more disastrous and uncertain than sporadic action in governmental administration, and nothing is more expensive in the ancillary branches of government than an absence of systematic action. Under a despotic or under ancient patriarchal regime, the average criminal might receive one punishment, the favored criminal for the same offense no punishment at all, the obnoxious character punished without commission of any crime whatever. For centuries the intellectual constituents of government have striven for written laws and constitutional guarantees. In other words, for systematic action in government, for a penalty for crime that would apply as well to President Coolidge as the humblest laborer on your streets.

If there is need for system in the primary purpose of government, then there is equal need for system in the levying and collecting of the taxes. When the activities of our state government were simple, and the taxes light, we collected taxes largely almost altogether on an ad valorem basis, which reached the homes, farms, and ranches of the country. We haven't revised this system, although our burdens have increased four hundred fold. Today one rate may prevail in one county, and another rate in a different county, so that I may be abundantly able to pay my taxes, but the aged veteran, the country's pioneer, who like the widow and the orphan have no earning capacity, finds this tax burden to amount to almost confiscation.

In order to insure the child an equal opportunity in the school room, the tax for maintenance in one community to provide an eight or nine months school might be one hundred cents on the hundred dollars valuation, while in another to provide a school for the same length of time, it might be but five or ten cents on the one hundred dollar valuation. Yet the primary purpose of education is to wipe out illiteracy, and to secure to the child an education, not as a matter of charity, but as an insurance of democratic government.

The maintenance of the public free schools of Texas is a state problem and not one that should be shifted to communities and precincts. If you would have a system you must have some uniformity. Every branch of the state government that is not functioning and worth one hundred cents on the dollar valuation to the citizen should be abolished, our expenses of government prorated among those in proportion to their ability to pay.

Roads

If I have any hobby it is that of road maintenance. I believe in the construction of good roads—certainly, but I believe much more in the maintenance of these roads after they are built. Scarcely a community in the state does not furnish an object lesson of men voting bonds in the form of a mortgage

on their homes and property to build good roads, and these good roads have been in the course of two, three, or five years permitted to absolutely go to waste.

An elder statesman, speaking in a Democratic Convention in the years gone by used this prophetic expression: "If you will allow the people to vote bonds upon themselves to build roads in local communities, then provide that the roads shall last at least as long as the debt."

Multipled millions of indebtedness exist for road construction, and there is no road left to show for the money that has been expended.

In a certain road district of this State some seven years ago, three hundred thousand dollars in bonds were voted by the people to build "permanent" roads. Splendid results were obtained, and the roads were well built of crushed rock and gravel, and when rolled, made a very desirable highway for the first twelve months; but there was no maintenance. At the end of this period they became bumpy and uneven. The third year they were filled with chug holes, and the fourth year the traveling public avoided them by getting off in the sand or mud on each side of the graveled highway. The fifth year the "repair" gang came by with a heavy steel grader, set the points of the grade into the sand and mud on either side of the road, and proceeded to conduct a funeral of all that was left of the gravel road, and the people have not seen it since; though more than thirty years of the bond issue is yet outstanding.

In another community, bonds were issued and roads were built, and traveling tourists were so impressed with the roads in this district that years afterwards one stopped to inquire and was given the following story: "The road over which you have traveled thirteen miles in length was built ten years ago of ordinary gravel, not a very expensive road.

Immediately after it was finished an old man with a dump cart was placed in charge of the road as a patrolman. He was given a supply of gravel. When a defect or uneven spot appeared, he poured on a bushel or gravel and smoothed it out. When ruts appeared from heavy traffic, he took an ordinary drag and rubbed them down. He sodded the sides of the embankments with grass, and though ten years have gone by, the road is in better condition today than it was the day it was finished.

Three years ago in the State Senate, I started an agitation for a road maintenance, and have kept it up ever since. I don't believe that a bond issue for any county to build roads should ever be approved or permitted as a matter of law, unless a systematic maintenance of the roads to be built is provided for.

The boys who returned from France tell us that every few miles the great French highways there was a patrolman with his wheel barrow and road material, constantly maintaining and looking after the road.

Three years ago we put through the first road patrol law in the State of Texas, known as the Davidson-Perkins Patrol Law. It is only in effect in a few counties in Texas, particularly Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison and Stephenson. You can see the effect of it by the time you strike the border of any one of these counties.

In the session of the Legislature just adjourned, the subject of road maintenance was dealt with, and the highway department of the State of Texas was directed and instructed to provide an efficient system of road maintenance for all of the major systems of highways in the State. The plan will be something similar to the Davidson-Perkins Act. When a highway has been finished or designated, it will be cut into sections like sections on a railroad. A competent patrolman will be selected in a manner something similar to the selection of a rural mail carrier.

Out of the automobile tax and gasoline tax, there will be set aside something like two hundred dollars per mile for road maintenance of all of the designated State highways. The patrolman will be instructed and advised in the most effective way of doing his work, and will proceed on the plan that a stitch in time saves nine, so that hereafter when a county votes bonds, all of that money that is spent upon State highways will not be permitted to go to waste, as so often has been done in the past, but the roads, like wine, will get better with age.

After this State patrol system has been put in effect, no county need fear to vote bonds or to build roads. If the money is spent on State highways, the State will take care of it. Of course, the system will have to be improved upon and perfected, and we may be three or four years improving it from time to time, but I feel safe in saying that it will take care of the roads from the very beginning.

I have always believed in the old maxim that those who dance should pay the fiddler, and this is the plan for the road maintenance of the State. The property tax payer should be called upon to build road, but the men who travel it are hereafter expected to maintain it. This idea has another beneficial effect too, and that is the counties of small assessed valuation and with comparatively few motor vehicles, have not under the past methods, been able to maintain their roads even after they had built them. Take the road from Austin to San Antonio as an illustration, and though Hays County built up roads several years ago, she had no maintenance system and the road went to pieces.

When the State has taken over the maintenance of the highways, the tourists in Austin, San Antonio, and all the centers of wealth of the State will aid in maintaining that road through Hays County. Only in this way can we have a continuous system of highways, and the plan is equitable and fair.

The owner of the motor vehicle, be it local resident or tourist, will really

save enough on the wear and tear on his car, and increased mileage for his gasoline, to take care of the roads that have been built and maintained.

Symphony Club
Has Delightful
Hour Saturday

The club met at the home of Miss Genevieve Hughes Dec. 8, 1923, where a delightful time was enjoyed by everyone. With Elizabeth Jones as leader. The program proceeded as follows:

History of Violin.—Dorothy Brown.
Life of Joseph Joachim.—Inez Calame.

Life of Mischa Elman.—Genevieve Hughes.

Life of Ephram Limbalest.—Martha Riddle.

Life of Maud Powell.—Josephine Wofford.

Life of Fritz Kriesler.—Margaret Smith.

Reading.—Carolyn Patterson.
Piano Solo.—Martha Mitchell.

Vocal Solo.—Marianna Murphy.

Duet.—Emma Jean Smith and Miss Ledbetter.

The guests were served to cake and ice cream and candy. Lovely little souvenir dolls were on each plate. The club adjourned to meet at the home of Elizabeth Jones, Tuesday night, Dec. 18, for a Christmas party.

C. P. Bazaar Is
Planned Tuesday

The last but not least bazaar of the Christmas season will be given by the ladies of the Central Presbyterian church Thursday, the 20th of this month. The hour and the place will be announced later. They will have an assortment of articles both to eat and to wear, reasonably priced and extend an invitation to all to come and visit us, whether you have completed your Christmas shopping or not.

BIRTHS

(From Groesbeck Journal)

The following births in Limestone county were recorded during the week ending December 11:

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herwig of Mexia a girl on November 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Horton of Mexia a girl on September 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ingram of Groesbeck a girl on December 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Alvery of Mexia a boy on December 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Battle of Mexia a girl on November 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Killingsworth of Mexia a boy on October 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson of Thornton a girl on November 11.



Make a List of Your Christmas Gifts

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XMAS SALE

At The Style Shop

Just Received a Shipment
of Spring

HATS \$4.95

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Another Shipment of Sat-
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Evening & Street

DRESSES \$19.95

Values to \$39.50

\$5 to \$57.50
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STYLE SHOP

105 South Sherman Street

COMING TO THE

OPERA HOUSE
Monday Dec. 17th

CARL ARMSTRONG

and his

MUSICAL COMEDY
20-PEOPLE-20

Special Scenery — Electrical Effects
GOOD CLEAN SNAPPY SHOW
Come and Bring the Ladies
Entire Change of Program Daily

BUFFALO
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Wilson & Forrest Store

MONDAY

2— WHOLE BUFFALOS —2

These Buffalos were secured for our customers from the government park at Lawton, Oklahoma, and have been shipped to us whole. Only 5 were sold this year; we are getting two of them. One was sold last year.

Place your order early so that you maybe sure of getting your share of this delicious meat. It is very fine in flavor, young and tender.

They will be on display in our show window Monday morning.

BUFFALO
MEATWILSON & FORREST
GROCERY AND MARKETBUFFALO
MEAT

Sunday, December 16, 1923

Funeral Home Of John R. Corley Co. Opened

The John R. Corley Company Funeral Home at 408 East Carthage St. is one of the most recent and noteworthy evidences of the progress of Mexia.

At a cost of around \$10,000 the Funeral Home has been erected and equipped, offering a service to the public in line with the most recent innovations in undertaking service in this country.

The building is on a lot adjoining the John R. Corley residence, just in the edge of the business district and where the home area reaches to town. Thus conveniently located and on paved streets, the place may be reached within a few moments either on foot or by conveyance.

Before the present improvements and additions, the place was home property and occupied by residents there. It was so built that the floor plans did not have to be changed in its transformation into an ideal funeral home. These conveniences were added to by extensions on rooms and halls and by the addition of a large space used as a display room. With new, polished, hard wood floors, fresh woodwork and artistic paper, the home was easily converted into a place of loveliness and beauty.

Paved driveways are being laid to the very doors, where the hearse may be driven close up to the reception hall, which also includes a desk and business office. To the right, on entering, is the room occupied by John Corley Jr., licensed embalmer and associate with his father in the business. Telephones connect the room with the local exchange, enabling the company to respond to calls for ambulance or death notices any hour of the night.

The operating room is equipped with surgical and embalming instruments, and so arranged as to lighting that it tends to the efficiency of those engaged in attending to the sacred duties of preparing a body for interment. This room is also to the left of the reception hall.

The rear room, large and tastefully decorated and arranged, is the display room. Ecks are so placed that almost a score of caskets, for adults and little ones, may be examined closely and without inconvenience. The first solemn impression of this room brings an exclamation of subdued admiration. The grave seems to lose some of its darkness and gloom in the presence of the beautiful array of robes for the dead and last resting place for their dear bodies. But, it does not cause any spectator to wish for the last hour to hastily approach. On the other hand, it inspires the living with the memory of the duty to those who pass on before. The caskets on display represent a value ranging from a few hundred dollars to a thousand. The garments for deceased men and women and little children are also on display, completing the picture of the services required to be rendered before the funeral service.

The chapel adjoins this, extending to the front porch, and in it are certain, a suite of furniture, appropriate pictures and practically placed to form a scene in keeping thoroughly with the completeness of the Funeral Home. It is commodious enough to accommodate at least 75 with comfort.

The proprietors will take pleasure, they state, in showing any visitor through the home any day and any hour.

Patterson's Column



BUSIEST PEOPLE in Mexia
THESE DAYS but with
EXTRA HELP next week
MAYBE WE can wait on
YOU I thank you
—Patterson.

BUFFALO MEAT
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Tracy Dorsett of Coolidge was in Mexia Friday. Mr. Dorsett is a member of the firm of Dorsett and Bartham of Coolidge.

T. & B.V. Station At Coolidge Ready For Service Now

Sam Werner reports that the new T. & B. V. station at Coolidge has been completed and is ready for occupation though the offices have not as yet been moved into it.

Mrs. Oscar Denning, W. M.

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E. B. Moody of Waco was a business visitor to Mexia Thursday.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star Monday night, Dec. 17. Initiation of candidates and other important business. All members and officers are urged to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

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Ladies

Every man knows the advantage in buying from an exclusive man's shop—knows the assortments are larger and better selected. At this store you can get the advantage of many years experience in helping you select your gifts.

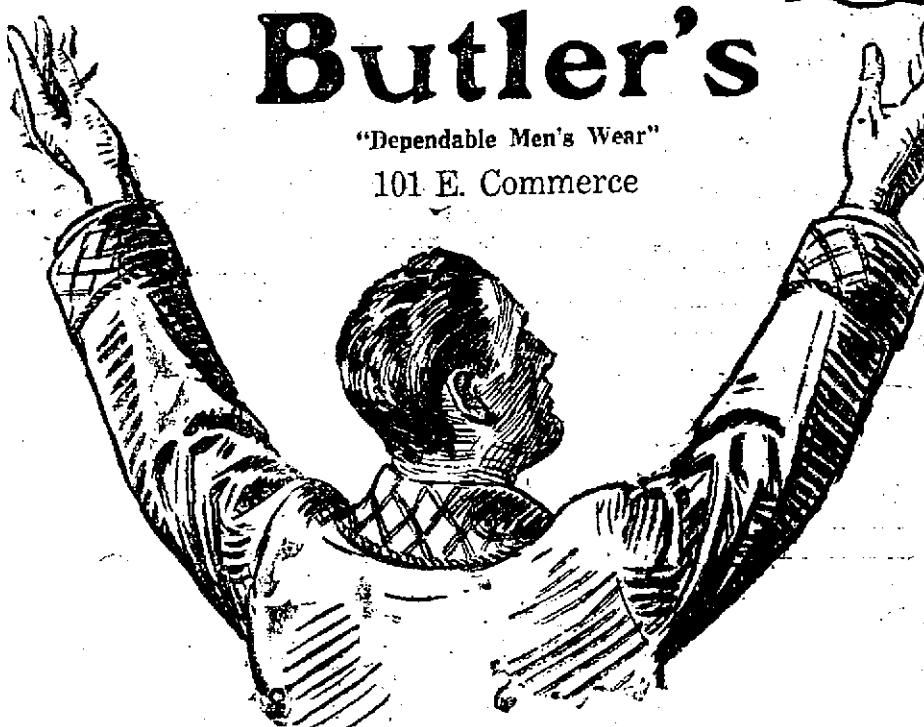
The Following Is a Few Items We Suggest Conveniently Listed:

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| —Boots | —Neckwear |
| —Caps | —Night Shirts |
| —Gloves | —Overcoats |
| —Grips | —Overshirts |
| —Gaberdine Coats | —Suits |
| —Handkerchiefs | —Shoes |
| —Hats | —Shirts |
| —Hosiery | —Sweaters |
| —Jewelry | —Suit Cases |
| —Leather Vests | —Trousers |
| —Leather Puttees | —Traveling Sets |
| —Mufflers | —Underwear |
| —Manicure Sets | —Wardrobe Trunks |

Butler's

"Dependable Men's Wear"

101 E. Commerce



**WE ARE ALL TIED IN
WITH OUR COMMUNITY.**

Mexia is the home of all of us who live here. Our comfort and happiness and prosperity is all involved with the welfare of the city—how good a place it is to live in and do business in. Every citizen and every business and industry in Mexia depends upon every other citizen and business and industry for equal responsibility in building this city to be what every good citizen wants it to be—a good city in every respect.

To accomplish this we must all work together with a spirit of tolerance and understanding. We must recognize that a good city is built by no single factor. Each business and industry and citizen must add something to the process of development.

Good electric service is necessary in the building of a good city. This company fully appreciates its responsibility. It seeks to cooperate with every other concern and every citizen of Mexia, so that its contribution to civic growth may be equal to the needs of the present and future.

COMMUNITY POWER & LIGHT CO. OF TEXAS

The Family GIFT STORE



**Ready.
To Serve You**

No need for us to mention the hundreds of Practical Gift Items, we are now showing, for you will find us ready, as usual with wonderfully complete lines in all departments of our store.

We have added extra salespeople so that you may be waited on without delay. We invite you to come in and look around—a look through our varied Xmas stocks will help you in making your selection of Gift Items.

OPEN EVENINGS

For your convenience in shopping we will be open evenings this week until 9:30.

"Always Glad to Serve You"



National

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday



Plan to Recruit Building Workers

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(United Press) Shortage of apprentices in the building trades is not due to American youths shying at manual labor, according to E. L. Bowman, educational director, national trade extension bureau, plumbing and heating industries. Reports throughout the country show the number of apprenticeship applicants exceeds facilities for training.

A survey of the American Contract or, builders' organ, has shown two popular misconceptions as to causes for shortage of building craftsmen. They are:

1. White-collar jobs are more popular.

2. Union leaders who profit by shortage of skilled craftsmen bar the necessary apprentices.

Employers are largely to blame for present unbalanced conditions union experts claim.

Boys enter the period of apprenticeship expecting to receive training and experience to make them competent workmen," Bowman declared. "When they find they are to be used as cheap ditch-diggers, stock-clerks or truck-drivers, they drift away. Of the total number of boys entering into apprenticeship, only one in eight works into his trade."

Bowman's observations are said to be substantiated by experience in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco, where experts from civic organizations have made surveys.

To Recruit Workers

Led by the National Association of Master Plumbers, most of the building branches have organized to remedy the situation. The following program has been adopted.

1. Appointment of an educational director to supervise apprentices in each industry.

2. Publication of text-books under supervision of trade experts.

3. Requirement of three months' pre-vocational training in public school.

4. Required night school attendance during the second and third years of apprenticeship.

A campaign against the manner of vocational instruction in some public schools will also be conducted by the craftsmen. It is asserted that many vocational courses in high schools are taught by women and there is much "mis-teaching."

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boyd and W. K. Jr., left Friday for the week-end to be spent with her parents and other relatives at Terrell.

Even a close-fisted man may be liberal in the use of his fists.

A dollar dinner is an annoyance to the man with a 50-cent purse.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the goslings.

Woman's tears float her out of a lot of difficulties.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl of eight. Please bring me a bicycle and a pair of kid gloves, some fruits and candy. Now Santa bring brother an unbreakable doll, a kiddie-car and a little rubber ball and some fruits and candies. Please remember Daddy and Mother and my teacher, Miss Lillian Preston.

Your little friend,
Emma Lee Whittington.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a big wagon, a case of 22 rifle shells, a football, steam engine, knife, fruits, candy and fireworks.

Dear Old Santa:

I want you to bring me a big wagon,

a case of 22 rifle shells, a football,

steam engine, knife, fruits, candy and

fireworks.

Your little boy,
Duovard Stewart.

Dear Santa:

I want an airgun, a pair of gloves. Please bring mother a book and father a watch and that is all.

With love,
Garland.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train, a drum, a gun and some fruits. Please visit all the poor boys and girls.

With love,
Jack Deis.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bicycle, airgun, lots of nuts, candy, fireworks, and just what else you want to bring. Don't forget Ma, Daddy and my sweet school teacher, Mrs. Davis.

Your little friend,
Hardin Testerman.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 15, 1923

Dear Old Santa Claus:

I'm a good little boy two years old and I want you to please bring me a red Cadillac with a bell on it and a little bicycle and a horn and a street car and a little suit case and a drum and some candy and a big red apple. I live at the Hurdleston Hotel.

Your little boy,
Jimmie Wade, Jr.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a drum, horn, fireworks, flip-flapper, snow sled, little bicycle, BB gun and BB bullets. Don't forget to bring me the little boat that Elsie told you about when she was in New York.

Your little friend,
Felix Jackson, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I want a wagon, some fruit, and an airgun. Please bring mother a book. Please bring father a watch.

With love,
C. V. Deis.

Dear Santa:

I want a doll buggy and a cabinet with some fruit in the cabinet and some dishes.

Please bring mother a book and bring father a watch.

I love you, Santa. Do you love me.
Ann Deis.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a knife and a fountain pen and fire crackers, big rubber ball, and oranges, apples, and nuts. And don't forget my sister, Ruby Bell.

Your friend,
Charlie Ingram.

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PAGE CINDERELLA!

If the lady who played Cinderella one evening during the past week and lost white kid slipper from her left foot, will phone 337-W, giving her name and address, the slipper will be returned to her free of charge.

The slipper was found on East Commerce street.

BUFFALO MEAT

On sale at Wilson & Forrest Grocery store Monday. Place your order early if you expect to get your share of this delicious meat. See them on display Monday in our windows. (Adv.)

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE

HIGDON-McELROY CO.

-Gifts for every member of the family. It's not always the price of the gift but a token of love and friendship from the giver.



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| Suits of Clothes |
| Over Coat |
| Stetson Hat |
| Shoes |
| Gloves |
| Shirts |
| Neckwear |
| Sox |
| Pajamas |
| Sweater |
| Traveling Bag |
| Suit Case |
| Muffler |
| Linen Handkerchiefs |
| Cuff Links |
| Belt Buckles |

| MOTHER |
|-------------------|
| A. New Dress |
| Winter Coat |
| Bath Robe |
| Kimono |
| Sweaters |
| House Slippers |
| Hosiery |
| Handkerchiefs |
| Fireplace Screens |
| Floor Pillows |
| Sewing Baskets |
| Gloves |
| Parasols |
| Comfort Sets |
| Hat Boxes |

| SWEETHEART OR FRIEND |
|-----------------------------|
| FOR HIM |
| Smoking Jacket |
| Bath Robe |
| Silk Pajamas |
| Sweaters |
| Silk Shirts |
| Neckwear |
| Shoes |
| Overcoat |
| Suit of Clothes |
| Collar Bags |
| Brief Cases |
| Linen Handkerchiefs |
| Neckwear |
| Belt Buckles and Cuff Links |
| Belt and Buckle |
| Cuff Links |

| BROTHER |
|-----------------------------|
| Smoking Jacket |
| Bath Robe |
| Silk Pajamas |
| Traveling Bags |
| Collar Bags |
| Brief Cases |
| Linen Handkerchiefs |
| Neckwear |
| Belt Buckles and Cuff Links |
| Belt and Buckle |
| Cuff Links |

| SISTER |
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| New Dress |
| Winter Coat |
| Fur |
| Negligee |
| Silk Underwear |
| Boudoir Cap |
| Silk Hosiery |
| House Slippers |
| Sweaters |
| Shopping Lists |
| Fitted Cases |
| Boxed Handkerchiefs |
| Purses |
| Compacts |
| Vanities |
| Beads |

FOR THE HOME

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| Blankets |
| Comforts |
| Luncheon Sets |
| Table Linen |
| Napkins |
| Floor Pillows |
| Floor Lamps |
| Candle Sticks |

FOR HER

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| Ma Jong Set |
| Cards in Fancy Folder |
| Bridge Score Box |
| Perfume Bottles |
| Shopping Lists |
| Furs |
| Silk Underwear |
| Phoenix Hose |
| Mesh Bag |
| Beaded Bag |
| Silk Parasol |
| Boudoir Caps |
| Hat Boxes |
| Hat Boxes |
| Fitted Suit Case |

FROM OUR GIFT DEPT.

There are many things that you may own in common. Things that the whole family will enjoy. Gifts appreciated by all. We offer you our services free in your Christmas shopping. Let us help you solve the gift problems.

We have on display one of the most complete lines of gift shop and novelty goods ever shown in Mexia. Things that are different. Things that appeal to any woman or child. Give us one hour of your time, we'll settle your Christmas problems. For a small sum if you are planning a Christmas party, You can easily select your favors and prizes from this stock and give something that is different. Something that is new. Open evenings till 9:00 p. m. We'll be pleased to show you.

THE TRAMPS CLASS

A Class Of Young Business Men At The

The **BAPTIST CHURCH**
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THIS MORNING

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

THE ME-HI SCHOOL NEWS

High School Honor Roll Announced

JOY ADAMS LEADS SECOND TERM WITH AVERAGE OF 96

Assembly. *THE ME-HI SCHOOL NEWS*. On Thursday of the past week one of the most interesting assemblies of the term was held and very much enjoyed by the student body. The purpose was to honor the students in high school who had made an average of 90 percent for the past six weeks' work. The pupils having those averages are listed below. The highest average was made by Joy Adams with an average of 96 percent and she was followed closely by Pauline Stephens with an average of 95 percent. There is a decided increase in honor pupils since the last six weeks and Mr. Andrews expressed his sincere hope and belief that more pupils would be added at the end of each six weeks work.

Honor Roll for second term:

Edward Allen
Machon Forrest
Rollin Maxwell
Joy Adams
Dannie Lloyd Bowers
Clara Belle Bybee
Lola Cochran
Hazel Cox
Opal Hale
Beulah Hill
Hazel Horn
Elizabeth Jones
Marianna Murphy
Pauline Stephens
Ore Stephens
Jessy Mae Sherrill
Mary Porter Travis
Lois Terry
Katherine Wood

Watch Eighth Grade Girls Become Norm'l

By HAZEL HORN

Miss Parker went with the eighth grade Home Economics Class to the gymnasium Tuesday morning and each girl weighed and measured her height. It was discovered that about one-third of the class are over weight and the remaining under weight, there being only two normal pupils in the class. One girl is 41 percent overweight and another 21 percent underweight. Miss Parker gave the girls various rules on gaining and reducing, and she said the girls are very anxious that the rules should prove satisfactory. It is the aim of the class that each member shall be as nearly normal in weight as possible when school is out.

David "Bounds" and Frank Ferguson of Teagueans were in the city Thursday.

WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT US

By CHARLES WOFFORD

That Foods II Class is some peppy bunch; They work hard on the least little bunch; For instance, their instructor, Miss Parker, by name. She has time to find notes, but she works just the same. What she says goes with no hesitation. And in each Me-Hi News you'll see her name in publication; She's always planning luncheons or dinners or something like that. The girls prepare them, and to them off our fat.

Parker House rolls and baked turkey hen. Salads and soups, and Oh, man! then your favorite dessert, just the way you like it. When finished just retire to the parlor and coffee awaits you to whatever you please. For the girls are at you bidding humble on bended knees. That's all. And then you enjoy your smoke. Oh, you'll have to admit these are real peppy folk.

Celebrity

MARGURITE FRANKS

Everyone in high school will agree with me in saying that the girl who is called on to do any work and always responds willingly, who has a smile for everyone and who holds one of the most important offices in school, editor-in-chief of The Black Cat, is Marguerite Franks.

Marguerite came to Mexia High School from Gatesville. In Gatesville she had many important offices shown.

Lieutenant Governor Addresses Students of High School Here

Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson addressed the student body of Mexia High School Friday afternoon. He was introduced by Superintendent Puckett. Mr. Davidson's message was one of democracy. He stated in the beginning that happiness is the evidence and fruits of constant usefulness, later emphasizing the importance of definite purpose in life. Success, according to Governor Davidson, is not a matter of rank and position but comes from honest and well done work.

Girls' Athletics

By MARIANNA MURPHY

This is the first year that there has been systematized work in Physical Education in the Mexia High School. There is a growing demand that instruction along this line be given in all public schools. If it did nothing more than to teach children to sit, stand, and walk correctly, it would be worth the money expended upon it.

The course in this school covers first of all the gymnasium work which consists of setting-up exercises, all kinds of marching, Indian clubs, and folk dancing, all done in rhythm and to music. In addition we have basketball and volley ball. These games foster a love for good sport and the right spirit in work and play. The work is closely supervised by the competent instructor, Miss Anne Earle.

Physical growth involves the use of much energy as well as the lengthening of the nerves, muscles and bones. During late childhood the heart is growing fast, but remains weak for a time. Physical training helps to strengthen one's physique where it most needs strengthening.

Basketball is uppermost in the minds of athletic enthusiasts at present.

This game requires a highly developed skill derived from the training in simpler games. We will have interscholastic games later in the season.

A district meeting of Cornish poultry breeders in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana will be held in the State Fair poultry building, Dallas, Dec. 28-Jan. 1, during the annual show of the Premier Poultry Association, it was announced. An automobile is offered as a special prize for the winner of the program for the best pen of fowls shown.

J. H. Miller of Greenville was a Mexia visitor Thursday.

THE FAMOUS DRY GOODS STORE

Gifts for every member of the family

Friend for him

— Bath Robes
— Gladstone Bag
— Silk Shirt

Father

— Over Coat
— Stetson Hat
— Shoes - Hose
— Traveling Bag

Mother

— Coat - Dress
— House Slippers
— Phoenix Hose
— Sweaters - Furs

For Her

— Vanity Fair
— Underwear
— Boudoir Caps
— Furs - Bags
— Phoenix Hose

Brother

— Kuppenheimer
— Suits
— Florsheim Shoe
— Bath Robe
— Neckwear

Boys

— Blouses - Suits
— Belts - Shoes
— Overcoat

Sister

— New Dress
— Silk Underwear
— Purse - Fur
— Phoenix Hose

Girls

— New Dress
— Coats - Hose
— Linen Handkerchiefs
— Dolls

Sweetheart

— Traveling Bag
— Silk Shirt
— Linen Handkerchief
— Bath Robe

Baby

— Sacks - Blankets
— Wool Suits
— Bootees - Caps

WOMEN'S GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

Linen and Swiss Handkerchiefs with embroidered corners in white or colors..... \$1.00
All Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, one in box..... \$1.25
All Linen Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, containing 3 in box..... \$2.50

Let your Christmas Gifts be Jewelry

IF YOUR friends have taste and refinement it makes it difficult for you to select a gift that will be appreciated and enjoyed.

But not if you select jewelry.

There is a gift of jewelry for everybody, man, woman or child—and nothing so completely expresses taste and refinement as a well selected gift.

We have a selection of gifts of jewelry that has a most attractive appeal and priced in a way that will come within your means.

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101 E. Commerce St. 113 E. Commerce St.

WOMAN DOCTOR GETS FEDERAL POST.



Dr. S. J. Baker

Dr. S. Josephine Baker, who for 20 years has been director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene in the New York City Health Department, has been appointed consulting director of the Maternity and Infancy Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

TUNNEY BEATS GREB FOR CHAMPIONSHIP



Tunney (face to camera) beats Greb

Gene Tunney, of New York, American light heavyweight champion, was awarded the decision over Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, mid-lightweight champion, at the end of their fifteen-round fight to a decision in Madison Square Garden, New York City. He thereby retains his title.

P. D. Yarbrough of Arlington was in Mexia Thursday. Jim Frazier of Coolidge was a visitor to Mexia Friday.

W. S. Phillips of Waco was in the city Thursday. J. J. Annis of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

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That chair, dresser, cupboard, buffet or any of the numerous items of furniture that may look worn and ready for discarding can be brought back to life and made to look new and fresh and bright with Pee Gee Re-Nu-Lac.

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Natural wood and enamel colors in twenty varieties, including white, gold and silver.

Cans in assorted sizes at 25c and more.

Free Book
"The Modern Method of Finishing Wood"

A copy of this attractive and helpful book should be in every home. Contains practical advice and suggestions on how to take care of your floors and woodwork. In addition it shows 20 wood panels, each finished in a different color. It is worth asking for or write direct to

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High School Is Complimented by State Inspector

Miss Charlotte Mayfield, inspector from the State Department of Education, spent Monday visiting the High School. On leaving she expressed herself as being well pleased with conditions in the school. Specifically she commended the equipment of the building and the courteous attitude of the student body to her as a visitor. Miss Mayfield stated that discipline in Mexia High School seems to be exceptionally good and that the boys and girls display good manners in the class rooms in the corridors. In her official capacity, Miss Mayfield has more than once been asked to suggest a typically progressive high school which might serve as a model for visitors, possibly officials in other schools. She remarked that she intends to recommend the Mexia High School as such a school.

Bagged A Buck And Hiked Home

J. D. Arrington, Roscoe Cook and Billy Wilson returned early Friday morning from a few days hunting trip in Burnett county on the Colorado river. They bagged a big buck shortly after arriving at the hunting grounds, and then made preparations to come home. Billy Wilson was the good shot that brought down the game. On the way home the hunters had to leave their car in Waco and ride the train, as the roads from here to Waco were out of banks and not negotiable.

Five Try But Only One Gets Away With It

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Five of the eighteen federal prisoners enroute from Fort Worth to the Leavenworth prison, escaped from the Rock Island train near Caldwell, Kans. Only one conspiracy prisoner escaped although several were on the train. The train was stopped at Caldwell by a burning bridge which officers believe was the work of conspirators. Search is under way and it is believed that all will be recaptured shortly as they were handcuffed.

Roast turkey, dressing, cranberries and all the trimmings today at the Hurdleston Hotel Dining Room, 50c.

Bootleggers To Show Why They Don't Pay Taxes

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 14.—Under recent regulations of the internal revenue department, bootleggers in Texas have been given hearings in order for them to show why they should not be taxed on their products, federal agents said today.

The hearings, it was explained, have nothing to do with the criminal issue involved but are related strictly to collection of taxes on manufacture of intoxicants. Conviction on charges of making illicit liquor, however, has been taken as supporting proof that the manufacturer should pay the government.

Inasmuch as the extreme penalty for failure to pay the tax is only a stiff fine and as the hearings are not mandatory, not many bootleggers have availed themselves of the opportunity, federal officers admit.

R. M. Edwards of Fairfield was a visitor here last Thursday.

Turkey Dinner 11:30 to 8 p. m., 50c. Hurdleston Hotel Dining Room

High School Boy Admits Theft of 20 Automobiles

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—Rufus Pierson, 16 year old high school student arrested on charges of stealing autos, confessed he stole twenty cars within the last sixty days on orders of his father.

On the boy's story, his father, Wilfred Pierson and a garage keeper, Clarence Phoenix, were arrested.

Rufus, police declared, was an instructor in a neighborhood "baby auto bandit" ring. Four youths were in a stolen auto when arrested.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School at 9:45. A class and a place for every age.

Worship and preaching at 11:00.

Subject: "The New Birth."

Christian Endeavor at 6:15.

Preaching service at 7:00 p. m. The subject for the sermon-lecture at the evening service will be: "The Other Fellow." You know that "The Other Fellow" is discussed very much but I want you to hear what I have to say about him next Sunday night so come and hear it.

G. T. Reaves, Minister

Through A Woman's Eyes

By SADIE KIRGAN

A TEACHER

I have grown weary of dull chalk and dust. And hurled my strength against a solid wall, And bruised my heart o'er weary books and themes, Seeming so far away from all my dreams And yearning to go forth to youth's old call.

That has been—sometimes—but more often I Have faced the little bodies—eager-eyed, Thrilling beneath their faith—exultant pride, To fashion, and create a world to be. Napoleon himself had envied me, Knowing my power, and God-given chance, Greater than his—upon the fields of France.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

(From Groesbeck Journal)

The following marriage license were issued by County Clerk J. L. Day during the week ending December 11:

H. E. Hearn and Imogene Williams.

S. T. Howard and Lizzie Castillion.

R. H. Dooley and Vera May Carter.

Roscoe Craig and Ola Jones.

Ford Jennings and Azalee Williams.

Ernest McCoslin and Vannie Alice Thomas.

Tony Ferrell and Violet Hardeman.

Jones Curry and Amy Wesley.

Johnnie Slaughter and Beulah Liles.

Lester Copeland and Leila Pearce.

Edgar Davis and Careta Baker.

Louis Rogers and Stella Clark.

Brown.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS
from Santa Claus Land

Toyland

Hundreds of toys are on display in our store. They are banked high and into every crevice in our toy department. Bring the children in and make your selections at once.



Christmas Decorations of All Kinds.

HICKMAN'S

Do Your
Xmas Shopping
Early

Give Silk Underwear



We have a very beautiful line of the desirables in Silk Underwear pretty made in heavy grades of Radium, Crepe de Chine and Pussy Willow. Filet and Val lace are used very beautifully in trimming.

Bloomers—Gown's—Toddy's—Vests

Suggestions:

Ma-Jou Sets—Van Raalte Hosiery
Perfume—Kid Gloves
Mademoiselle Sets—Mottos
Handkerchiefs—Christmas Seals
Towel Sets—Christmas Cards
Toilet Sets—Bowls and Bells

Purses
and Bags

What could please a baby or miss more on Christmas morn than a beautiful bag from Hickman's. Dozens of designs from which to select yours in Beaded styles and hand tooled leather. See them on display tomorrow.

Suggestions:

Hand Bags—Paper Baskets
Ivory Sets—Comforts
Smoking Sets—Shakers
Shaving Sets—Coats
Wardrobe Trunks—Dresses
Flower Baskets—Hats
Blankets—Rain Shine Sticks
Ties for Men—Bamboo Baskets
Socks for Men—Bath Robes

Horns—Games—Puzzles
Doll Buggies—Wind Mills—Mecanics—Books
Doll Chairs—Vanity Sets—Kiddie Coops—Blackboards—Yellow Taxis—Stoves—Xylophones—Water Tanks—Tops—Dishes—Balls—Garages—Ford Trucks—Moving Picture Machines—Radiophones—Limousines—Battle Ships—Mail Cars—Cedar Chests—Tinker Tops—Cathedral Chimes—Santa Masks—Cradles—Musical Tops

Tea Cup Beater—Useful for every one
Shoe Shining Kit—Useful for traveling or at home
Aluminum Wash Mit—Words fail to describe this handy implement.

Egg Slicer—Sanitary novelty that is very useful.

Pocket Letter Case—Made of figured leatherette, very serviceable and strong.

Motor Sleeve Protectors—For those who like to work around their cars.

Four-in-One Tool—Many are the uses you can make of this in the kitchen.

213 Commerce Street.

Farmers Called On To Modernize Farm Homes

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—"Light tennis, horseshoes, boxing, croquet, the lamp, ma, I just filled it with and children's games, serenely!"

"Johnny, bring in some water and wood; the stove is nearly cold, and I haven't anything to wash the dishes in."

These are words still in use on most of the farms of today.

The farms of the country are not modernized to the extent of making it according to a survey of Nebraska farm boy, the duties of both being frequently performed by the women of the house, according to a survey of Nebraska farm homes completed by the Nebraska College of Agriculture here, under direction of Prof. J. O. Rankin.

Answers to a questionnaire were received from 117,758 Nebraska farms, indicating that only 14,500 of this number, or slightly more than 12 per cent, are modern in water, heat or lighting facilities, and only 2 per cent or one out of fifty, are modern in all three.

Welfare or Wealth?

This is the way the learned professor sums up the report.

"Unfortunately, the attention of most farmers organizations centered more upon wealth than upon the welfare, which is their real purpose, especially during recent years, when the loss of life in the world war and widespread economic destruction and disruption have affected the economic situation in American farm homes so much more unfavorably than in the homes of those of most other classes."

The questionnaire went into the amusements of the farmers of today and arrived at results from the answers that might prove valuable to an antiquarian of the next century. For instance, only about one-sixth of the farm households reported they played indoor games, although nearly half attend athletic games more or less as spectators. The games most frequently played are baseball,

A woman not only wants to be beautiful, but she wants to be told that she is.

The rainbow chaser at least gets a run for his money.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

The Gulf Coast Lines will have reduced rate excursions to all stations in Texas and Louisiana.

Tickets will be sold on Dec. 20th to 24th, inclusive with final return limit to January 7, 1924.

For information, write

C. W. Stein, G. P. A. Houston



A Daily Reminder

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What could be more thoughtful than the gift of our newspaper? Read by all the family every day in the year. Could you think of a gift more widely used or enjoyed by the whole family?

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THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

Special Year-end Offer

Old subscribers can take advantage of special year-end offer by paying

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and have subscription extended one year from expiration of date.

Why Novelists Go Into Distant Past for Today's Fiction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Why are so many of the novels and movies written nowadays set in the dim and distant past when heroes wear top-galas, hats, and heroines were not permitted to show their ankles?

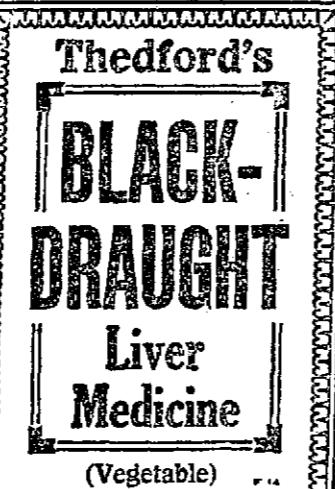
Answer by Mrs. Inez Hayes Irwin, wife of Will Irwin, novelist and war correspondent: "Because it is so hard to account for the life of every character during the years of the war."

Speaking before a meeting of the National Women's Party here, Mrs. Irwin commented upon the post-war reaction which has manifested itself in nearly all fields of thought.

"I mark constantly in my own profession, which is that of an author of fiction," Mrs. Irwin said, "how this tendency shows itself."

"A great interest has suddenly manifested itself, for instance, all through the reading public in the past of American history. Perhaps some of you have seen Emerson Hough's film, 'The Covered Wagon,' and perhaps you have noted how thrilled audiences are by it."

"It perhaps helps in this tendency of writers to go back into the past that almost any book of fiction of contemporary life which is not of the very instant has to account for the life of every character during the years of the war. This is a technical difficulty the irritations of which no layman can thoroughly understand."



Texas Teacher To Head School In Calcutta

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—The call of India's millions has been answered by a Texas professor.

Dr. Asa Crawford Chandler, biology professor of Rice Institute, will sail about the first of the year for India where he will head the School of Tropical Medicine at Calcutta.

The school is supported by the British government supplemented by appropriations from wealthy planters.

anxious to conquer diseases that have long scourged India.

Dr. Crawford is widely known along biological lines having written several books on the subject. He has been at Rice since 1919 and previous to that was a member of the faculty of Oregon University. He will take his family with him.

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R. E. Mathews of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

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Mexia Elks To Be Santa Claus to Kiddies

CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE GIVEN CHRISTMAS MORNING CHUCK FULL OF KIDDY GOODIES AND GIFTS

On Christmas morning at 10 o'clock a.m., the Mexia Lodge of Elks, will have a beautiful Christmas tree for the poor kiddies of Mexia, and will give every kiddie a present and the other goodies that go to make this day to be remembered and appreciated, and do its best to inculcate in those who would be otherwise disappointed, the meaning of this great day.

Weather permitting, the Christmas tree will be held in the street in front of the Elks home, on North Sherman street, and if the weather is bad the tree will be in the lodge room on the second floor.

The lodge wants all of the poor children to come out to this event, and they will be looked after, and requests that all of the children whose parents give them trees and presents not to form in the circle at the presentation of the gifts as this is to remember those that do not have these things.

U. S. Now Leads in Increase of Debt

GENEVA.—The United States is now leading the entire world in increase in public debt, according to a world-wide study just completed by the League of Nations.

Reduced to the basis of pre-war prices for the purpose of comparison America's public debt is now just thirteen times what it was before the war.

The English public debt comes next, with an increase of seven times over the pre-war debt, and France comes next, with an increase of only three times her pre-war debt.

One of the surprising developments of the league's investigation into the present status of public debts, however, is the fact that it is only in those two countries where the increase has been the greatest—namely the United States and Great Britain, that any substantial prog-

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lic debts of virtually all countries has swallowed up all that has been saved in cutting down administrative expenses.

The detailed report is now being sent by the league to all of the nations of the world as an indication of what progress is being made towards getting back to "normalcy."

Ship Load Texas Cotton To Sail From Houston

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—Pursuing its policy of holding cotton on a large scale and saving many intermediate costs in marketing of the product, the Texas Farm Bureau Federation will ship an entire ship load of cotton from Houston on Dec. 20.

The Vessel, the Abercrombie, will sail with an entire cargo of cotton from the Long Beach plant of the Houston Compress Company for Liverpool, England.

The ship will carry approximately 18,000 bales of Texas farmers' cotton which will be sold direct to foreign mills eliminating many intermediate costs.

If things fail to come your way, go after them.

Velocipedes, Coaster Wagons, Red Wagons, Bicycles, and Air Rifles

—These popular gifts for the youngsters never fail to please. We have an unusually large stock of these items at moderate prices. Make your selections now and have them set aside for Xmas. Shop early—don't wait for the last week's rush.

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WAXAHACHIE COUNTRY CLUB

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 15.—Plans for Waxahachie's new Country Club are rapidly assuming concrete form.

Bids have been asked for the construction of the dam of the club lake and the contract will be awarded within a few days. Work on the club house which will be one story of the Colonial style, will begin soon and plans have been completed for a nine hole golf course.

E. B. Reynolds, Dr. Z. T. Goolsby and Jodie Carter went to Groesbeck Thursday.

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Mexia merchants want your trade. Trade with home town people.

Dana Price and Glen Gamel of Coolidge were in Mexia Friday. Both young men are students at Westminister this year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Littman left Saturday morning to spend the holidays with relatives of Mr. Littman in Indianapolis, Indiana.

New Low Prices on Studebaker Closed Cars

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Vatican to Show Work of Catholic Missionaries in All Wild Sections

By CAMILLO CINAFARRA
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

ROME, (By mail to United Press).—Although the press has so far said very little about it and official communiques have been, as usual, conspicuous by their absence, the fact remains that the Vatican is preparing a very unusual exhibition, and on such a scale as to make a permanent impression on all the tourists and pilgrims who will visit Rome during the coming jubilee, or holy year.

After the consistory, last May the Pope wrote to Cardinal Van Rossum, perfect of propaganda, to prepare a missionary exhibition for the purpose of acquainting the faithful with the doings of Catholic missionaries in all parts of the world, the results achieved and the work that is being done to initiate them into the complex mysteries of modern, civilized life.

As usual, the Pope's order was not discussed; a small committee was immediately formed and letters despatched to the four corners of the world, ordering the heads of the missions to collect the necessary material. The response was immediate and enthusiastic on the part of 400 missions stationed in Africa, Asia and the South Sea Islands.

A single Italian mission stationed in Africa applied for 3000 square meters of space which was reduced to 1,000 meters, as the available space does not exceed 23,000 square meters.

The exhibition will be divided into two branches, the scientific and the ethnographic. The first will house the maps of the districts where the missionaries are working, and will give complete idea of the country, the location of the tribes and the institutions established for their needs.

The ethnographic exhibition will prove the most interesting. According to the instructions issued to the missionaries, they must forward to Rome

objects used by the savages in their every day life; tools of the different trades, idols, arms, furniture, cooking utensils, etc. For the larger objects, like huts, homes, boats, replicas on a smaller scale will be made.

Above all, the circular letter says, the missionaries should forward everything pertaining to the religions of the different peoples, like wooden idols, objects of worship, priests' frocks and replicas of places of worship.

The exhibition will be housed in the Pigna Court of the Vatican, where a pavilion will be erected at each of the four corners, and in the Vatican gardens, where other pavilion will occupy fifteen thousand square meters of space. Spread throughout the Pigna Court and the gardens, the visitors will find all the exhibits that can stand all kinds of weather. Cardinal Van Rossum directed that a fire house be erected nearby the Pigna Court and trained firemen recruited. Fire fighting apparatus have also been purchased.

The exhibition will be opened to the public on December 25, 1923, and will remain open throughout the following Sunday.

"Our Japanese members on the Pacific Coast have already given with astounding generosity. Let the whole

Sunday, December 23rd. It is for this church join them in gifts of sacrifice, thus showing to the world the international and interracial spirit that is after the heart of Christ.

"Let us not fail in this great endeavor. The little children of Japan wait for us to place them in the protecting arms of the Savior."

BOOZE WITH TEETH

MARLIN, Texas, Dec. 14.—Another reason for being wary of bootleg Christmas booze.

Metal tops of fifteen fruit jars filled with confiscated corn whiskey were found to be eaten away with lye when officers prepared to pour the liquor into the gutter.

The many friends of Mrs. W. R. Storey will be glad to learn that she is improving.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced a Christian appeal extraordinary in behalf of the Japanese Earthquake Sufferers. Under the joint auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society a Christmas offering will be taken in twenty-five thousand Methodist Churches on

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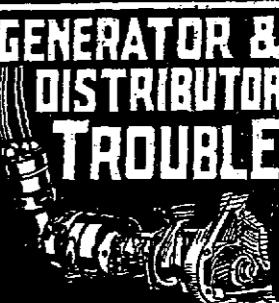
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OLD CARS WANTED—Will pay cash for your old car to wreck, or will sell you used parts cheap for repairing. Will sell your car on commission or trade it for you. See me before buying or selling your old car. J. E. McDowell, 111 North McKinney. 7E7

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a nice doll, doll buggy and a doll bed. I want you to carry grandpa's nice box of cigars and Sissy a nice box of candy. They are down in the Valley and I know they are homesick. Eulata will be home for Xmas so don't carry her things to Austin. B. wants something nice too. I also want you to carry my little cousins, Mary Alice, Ellen, Frances, Lillian and Polly Anna something nice too.

Your little friend,
Nanellie Sharp.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old; I have been going to school. I am in the first grade. I have been a nice girl, so please don't forget me.

Please bring me a Ruby ring, a pair of boots, a raincoat and all kinds of fire works, fruits and candy, and don't forget daddy and mamma.

Your friend,
Alma Billingsley.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old, so please bring me a pretty doll with bobbed hair that can say ma-ma. I want one that can cry when I rock it in the cradle. I want the cradle too. Please don't forget all the little orphan children that have no one to remember them.

Your loving little friend,
Ruth Byrd.

Route 6, Mexia.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an airgun, a knife, some fruit of all kinds, and fireworks of all kinds, too.

And I have been a good little boy all the year. I want you to come.

From your loving friend,
J. H. Young.

Route 6, Box 35.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I want a bugle and little toy gun. That is all for this time.

So long, Santa.

Aaron Boone.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 8 years old. I

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have one little brother and three sisters. My mother is dead.

I want a big doll, and fruit and some nuts.

Your little friend,
Lorene Boone.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

If I am not asking too much will you please bring me a doll.

My mother is dead, but my father is still living. I am eleven years old. I have one little brother and three sisters.

From
Addie Boone.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a big dollie that can say ma-ma. And a doll buggy, too. And a little aluminum cooking set. Also bring some nuts, candy, and apples. And be sure and not forget Mother and Daddy, little sister and brother.

Well, I will quit, Santa, for this time. Hope you a happy Christmas.

From your little friend,
Ruby Jane Brotherton.

First Presbyterian Church

Services Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., conducted by Rev. Jas. L. Bell, D. D., of Milford, Texas.

A most cordial welcome to everyone. Come and worship with us. You will enjoy these gospel messages, and also there will be special music.

Strangers in city are especially welcome. You are a stranger at this church but once.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. A class to suit any age. Come! "B" one and "B" glad—C."

LEAGUE PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Intermediate Epworth League for December 16, at 4 p. m.

Song No. 225—Wonderful Words of Life.

Song No. 161—At the Cross.

Song No. 70—Love Lifted Me.

Scripture reading: Romans 12:1 to 13:1.

Song No. 92—Jesus Savior Pilot Me.

Living Heroes.

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M'KEESPORT, Pa.—The scheduled 10-round bout between Tommy Murphy, Philadelphia, and Tommy Ryan, a local fighter, was stopped in the seventh by the referee, who declared they were stalling.

NOTICE
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it.

Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923.
W. G. FORREST, Cashier.
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SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Limestone,

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of a certain execution for cost, issued out of the Honorable 87th District Court of Limestone County, of the 30th day of Nov., 1923, by The District Clerk, of said Limestone County, for the sum of Thirty-six, 22-10 (\$36.22) dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution for Cost, in favor of T. A. White, in a certain cause in said Court No. 3127-B and styled T. A. White vs. Fred S. Lack, Madge Lack, Doris Lack, Hattie Lack, Geo. Lack, Charles Lack, Dr. Stone, Annie Berhauer, F. R. Berhauer and Virginia Stone, placed in my hands for service, I, Whit Popejoy, as sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of Nov., 1923, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land in Limestone County, Texas, being 50 acres out of the S. E. corner of the H. Hines survey and 14 acres out of the N. E. corner of said J. E. Lewis survey and described thus:

Begin at a stake in the East line of said Lewis survey 149 vs. from its N. E. corner, Thence N. 30 W. at 149 vs. pass the said corner, which is also the S. E. corner of the Hines survey and continuing in all 680 vs. to a stake in the East line of said Hines survey; Thence S. 60 W. 531 vs. to a stake; Thence S. 30 E. at 531 vs. cross the common line of said Hines survey and said Lewis survey, and continuing in

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Dempsey May Retire—No Contenders

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Jack Dempsey talks of retiring and going into business as soon as he has added one and a half millions to his fortune by fighting Tommy Gibbons, Harry Wills and Luis Angel Firpo.

The heavyweight champion means that he will be forced into involuntary retirement if he succeeds in keeping his million dollar chin out of the range of Gibbons, Wills and Firpo.

The heavyweight class is in such a state of decline that Dempsey will be forced to do a second number with Gibbons and Firpo, and if Wills gives him a good fight he might be able to work the colored challenger up into a logical contender for a return bout.

Looking over the contenders as they now stand, Dempsey might be believed sincere in announcing his intentions to retire because he would have no other contender to fight.

Any deductions of this kind, however, are made without giving credit to Tex Rickard. As long as Rickard is in the promoting business it can be bet that an annual contender will be developed for a title fight.

Some boys, eve working for thirty a week, and some less, will find it hard to figure what Dempsey means by quitting the fight game and going into business.

Dempsey, it would seem, is now in the most remunerative business in the world. Right off hand there can be picked from the legal, medical, professional or commercial world no young men under thirty, without an education or any bringing up, who has made \$700,000 for himself and \$700,000 for his partner.

Dempsey has done that. In the business of swinging his fists and from the revenue incidental to the heavyweight championship of the world, he has earned \$1,400,000, and in taxes he has paid to the government at least one-fourth of that sum.

Anyone, under the circumstances, might be pardoned for asking: "What does he mean, going into business?"

Dempsey, we hear him say not so long ago, does not want to retire, unless it can be that he is in love and wants to get married.

The champion said when he was training for the Firpo fight that he intended to defend his title until he was no longer champion as he was no more willing to cut off the revenue from the championship than any young man is to quit a job that means more than \$100,000 a year without stepping into the ring.

Dempsey did say that he would never get married as long as he was the champion, and if he is so eager to get married he might retire, but with his \$700,000 he'll need dough when he gets tied up and hell have to go to work eventually.

Like any young man who once had to get there and there on the brakeman and who many times had to get his food at back-doors, Dempsey ought to have a good idea about how much a dollar is worth and there is no evidence to lead anyone to the belief that the heavyweight champion does not take care of his money.

When Firpo was being panned and ridiculed for his frugal ways during his training for the Dempsey fight a good friend of Dempsey's remarked: "Why are they panning Firpo? Did anyone ever see Dempsey throw anything away?"

**Ex. Students Of
T. U. Planning
Big Year in '24**

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15.—"Ex-students of the University of Texas have one of the largest programs before them for 1924 that they ever have attempted. This year will be a great one in the development of the Association," said Judge D. C. Bland of Orange, president of the Ex-Students Association recently when he was in Austin conferring upon plans for the stadium.

"The loan fund which is maintained for students is growing all the time. We have made it our motto that no student who has made respectable grades need leave the University because of lack of funds, if he is willing to borrow it."

"Dr. H. Y. Benedict's 'Peregrinations' which are being printed in book form by the Association are expected to be off the press immediately after Christmas. These 'Peregrinations' are short comments on affairs of students and faculty as well as of everything pertaining to the University that have been appearing in *The Alcalde* for several years. We are having printed 500 copies which will sell for \$5 a copy, and the copies will be numbered and autographed. All proceeds over cost will go to the loan fund."

"The directory of all students and former students which is being compiled under the direction of Max Fichtenbaum is progressing rapidly and will probably be printed by the beginning of the summer."

Several members of the faculty of Westminster College were visiting in Mexia Friday. They were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dominy, in charge of the Dormitories of the College; Miss Alma Johnson, head of the Commercial Department; and Mrs. C. B. Miller, head of the Department of History.

which haunted the woodland years ago. This was the first time it has been seen close at hand, they say.

**Strange Story
Told By Two
Alto Hunters**

ALTO, Texas, Dec. 15.—Rivalling the spellbinding powers of Washington Irving in his "Headless Horseman" passage from "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," is the tale of two prominent men of Alto, told when they returned from a possum hunt in the Sabine river bottoms.

Their dogs, they say, presumably treed a possum and when they shook the tree something of great weight fell with a thud. Both hunters and dogs retreated but later gaining courage returned.

What appeared to be a headless horse sprang up at their approach and galloped off in the deepening gloom of the bottom lands, they say.

Old timers, on hearing the tale, recalled the legend of an animal ghost.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug, Sr.

**Rooming House
Raided Where
Game Goes On**

Chief of Police Thompson raided a rooming house in the city Friday morning, interrupting a very interesting game of poker which was in progress in one of the rooms. He stated that the party was well equipped for business from light to padded table.

The Chief made the raid alone at 2 a. m. and arrested three men who immediately paid fines of \$15.70 each. Score another one for the vigilance of the Police Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug, Jr., have returned to their home at Long Beach, California after having spent several days with Mr. Klug's parents.

**High School Press Announces
Awards Made At Association**

BELTON, Dec. 15.—One hundred schools were awarded second place in the newspaper contest, the Tattler of El Paso, High School, third; the Round-Up of Coleman High School, fourth; the Daisy Chain, Waco High School, fifth. Brackenridge High School, San Antonio; Live Wire, Laredo; Waxahachie, were given honorable mention.

In the annual contest the Quail of Quanah High School, took second place; the Oak Cliff High School, Dallas, third; La Retama, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, fourth; the Coyote, Mineral Wells, fifth. The Spur, El Paso; the Lasso, North Fort Worth High School; the Pecan, Brownwood, and the Rosebud of Forest High School, Dallas, were given honorable mention.

The Acorn, Oak Cliff High School, Dallas, was given the Southwest Engraving Company loving cup for the best edited annual.

Napoleon Ballard, Livingston, won a scholarship for the best written editorial, and Joseph Jones, Amarillo, won the Star Engraving Company medal for the best written short story, and the Corral, Bryan, fourth.

The Tattler, of Mineral Wells High School, won the Southwest Engraving Company loving cup for the best written news story.

The Pantherette, Central High School, Fort Worth, was awarded second place in the magazine contest; the Gusher of Ranger High School, third; and the Corral, Bryan, fourth.

Clyde Cox, Central High School, won the Southwest Engraving Company loving cup for the best written annual.

Powell Kelly, Waxahachie, was elected president of the association, for next year. Other officers are: Vice-President, Frances McClellan, Oklahoma City; Recording Secretary, Sam Bashara, Wichita Falls; Corresponding Secretary, R. I. Tennent, Temple; Treasurer, Marvin Griffith, Mineral Wells. The members of the executive board are: Fritz Kante, Taylor; Frank Goldthwaite, Fort Worth; Philo Fulk, San Antonio.

Beginning in January, the association will edit a magazine for the purpose of instructing the students how to put out better publications. This will take the place of the monthly bulletin.

The association will meet next year at Baylor College, Belton, December 6.

Fort Worth, was second in the news story contest; Vivian Adams, Amarillo, third; Hyman Schaefer, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, fourth and Dorothy Brenner, Main Avenue High School, San Antonio, fifth.

In the editorial contest, Ruby Brouskie, Bryan High School, won second place; William Rosin, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, third; Grace Stiles, Taylor, fourth; and Patsy Garner, Livingston, fifth.

Jennie Mae Jackson, Sherman, took second place in the short story contest; Lorene Drummond, Childress, third; Dorothy McGonagill, Central High School, Fort Worth, fourth; and Morton Hawley, Taylor, fifth.

Nineteen schools were admitted into the association. They are: Celina, Breckenridge, Amarillo, El Paso, Childress, Whitewright, Livingston, Taylor, La Grange, Heights Senior High School, Houston, Laredo, Mexia, Polytechnic High School, Fort Worth, Coleman, Waco, Abilene, Ranger, Bryan and Memphis. Terrill Preparatory School, Dallas, was also admitted, but because it is an academy, it will not be permitted to compete with the high schools.

Some breeder of fine poultry is going to win an automobile at the Premier Poultry Association's annual show in the State Fair poultry building, Dallas, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. The association has offered the car as a special prize to the winner of the premium for the best pen of fowls exhibited. W. W. Brady, Allen, Texas, the association secretary, makes the announcement.

Gift Suggestions

from the Store of the Christmas Spirit

Practical Gifts for Everybody

CHRISTMAS—to all of us, what a wonderful word. What a world of meaning it conveys, of friendships renewed, bringing back fond memories of other days. Bringing back fond recollections of youth, when we ourselves were young:



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| Silk Shirts | \$4.95 to \$9.95 |
| Silk and Wool Socks | \$1.00 to \$1.95 |
| Silk Sox | 75c to \$2.50 |
| Handbags | \$1.00 to \$2.50 |
| Wool Scarfs | \$2.50 to \$5.00 |
| Linen Handkerchiefs | 35c to \$1.50 |
| Silk Handkerchiefs | .50c to \$1.50 |
| Leather Bags | \$19.95 to \$49.50 |
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